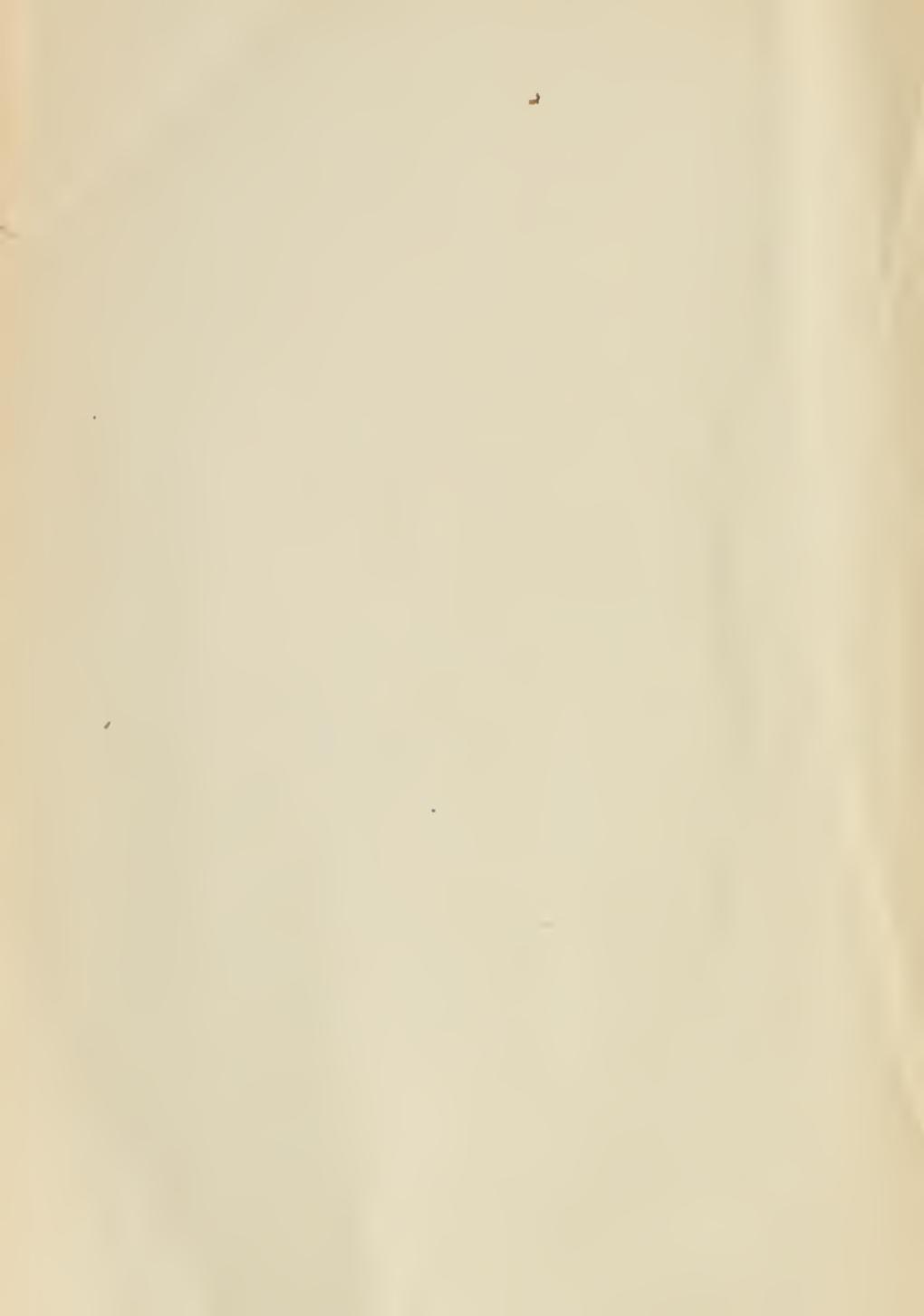


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Contributions.

“Is It For the Best Interest of the Institution and Student for Colleges and Universities to Forbid First Year Men to Join Fraternities?”

There are three reasons that occur to me that might be offered against the encouraging of Freshmen to enter a fraternity. A year and a half ago, if I had been asked my opinion in regard to this question, I would have declared that it was base and narrow-minded to debar the first year men from the fraternity. I would have proclaimed, with vigor, that the fraternity was an organization of inestimable value for the Freshmen, and that, without it, he was stranded on the shoals of college life, alone and despised. But I was barely a Sophomore then, and, with the wisdom of the “Sophists,” clung to my youthful ideas. There is the defence, of course, that, having entered the fraternity myself during my first three weeks of college, I naturally attributed to it anything that may have turned out favorably for me. But now, as I read, with great interest, the articles in THE JOURNAL upon the subject, and then look about me to ascertain the truth or falsity of the statements, I must confess that my experience demands the answer “No” to the question, “Is it for the best interest of the fraternity to allow Freshmen to become members?”

Before entering upon the reasons, it may not be impertinent to observe that, as far as I can learn, the upper-class men, or the

graduates, are the ones opposed to Freshmen, thus almost giving one the right to conclude that their experience has shown itself to be unfavorable to the first year men.

I believe that my arguments, although not entirely new, have not been offered through the pages of THE JOURNAL—at least in the form that I wish to present them.

First, that there is, at present, such an enormous percentage of men who remain in college but one year or less, that the fraternities cannot afford to take them for the short period they are here. There are many reasons why the men do not continue in college—perhaps the fraternity has taken so much of their time and effort that they are unable to make their hours; perhaps the fraternity has been such an additional cost that they cannot afford to stay in college more than a year, or perhaps they conceived the idea that the “fraternity life” was all that there was in college, and considered that in a year they could imbibe about all of this they needed. Or, let us be fair, and say that it is not the fault of the fraternity. It is a recognized fact that from one-third to one-half of the Freshmen never return to college at all. Many of these stop during the year, and often before the close of the first semester. Now, as my first argument, can a fraternity afford to take the chance against these odds in trying to locate the men who are going to finish their course? True, we cannot tell when we may be forced to leave college ourselves, but it seems to me that it is safe to say that the man who returns the second year is much more likely to finish than the entering Freshman.

Second, and along with this argument, if the fraternity seeks the best men, is it not advisable to wait until the second year and select those who have done well during the first? A man who studies his first year, and a man who takes an interest in some of the serious activities of the college life, very rarely changes his course and wastes his time afterwards. A man comes to college nowadays, and if he has a ten second record in the “hundred,” or has been a good base-ball or foot-ball man in high school, he has the price of admission into almost

any fraternity. Naturally, humanly, unavoidably, he feels his importance, and, with his new college suit, "rah-rah hat," and fraternity pledge button, the world is his. One year is very often too much for this man—his folks, his university, and his fraternity—and his Sophomore year he spends as driver on a grocery wagon or clerk in a dry goods store at ten per —. When he thinks of college life he spells "Orgy" with a capital "O," and wonders how there could be anything else there. Perhaps, if he is a very fine man, he can get over the habits he learned in college in less than a year, or perhaps it takes him ten years. And so, to sum up the arguments contained in my second division—first, that the fraternity is just another feature that adds to the inborn conceit of the first year man, especially if he has had life made easy for him before he entered college; second, that, instead of instilling into his mind ideas of study and research, the social functions, athletics, and the many other activities that the student comes to college not to learn, are more emphasized in the fraternities than are the scholastic records; and, lastly, the wrong idea of the "higher learning" is thus advertised to the outside world, and the chances of the college for the future are thereby considerably lessened.

Thirdly, allow me to ask, Is the average Freshman old enough to appreciate the ideals and the standards of the national college fraternity? To him his fraternity brothers are the same in relationship that his "bunch" or "gang" held in his earlier days. The written code of the classified ideals and the classic ritual are to him a form of initiation that every man must suffer to hear before he can become a member. It is not idle to cite the fraternal orders of the Masons, the Elks, or the Odd Fellows, as the greatest secret orders there are, and every one of these prohibits a man from joining until he is twenty-one years of age. Evidently they agreed with the law of the land when it declared that an average man does not reach "the age of discretion" until twenty-one summers have passed over his head. A person is an infant, incapable of business transactions, until he has become of age, according to our statute books. Is, then, I

ask, the average Freshman, who enters the university between the ages of sixteen and nineteen, able to understand the ideals of brotherhood that form the foundation of the college fraternities?

Finally, is the system of "pledging" the men in their Sophomore year practical, for, if it is not, we should not consider it I believe, however, that the system would be practical if every fraternity adopted such a rule. All over the country there is a growing sentiment against the first year man, and especially is this sentiment strong among the college authorities. They do not uphold the measure, I believe, because they think that it would weaken the fraternities, but because it would raise the standard of scholarship in their institution, and, it seems to me, because oftentimes they believe that it would put the fraternity on a strong foundation, because many of them are fraternity men themselves. Certainly the scheme is practical—first, the fraternities should be notified that the law will be put in operation at least two years before it went into effect, so that the members might, during that time, be selected from the upper classes; second, all the fraternities should be placed on their honor that no men should be secretly pledged before their Sophomore year; and, third, that it should be generally advertised, so that no Freshman would expect or accept an offer to become a fraternity man during his first year of college work.

Finally, I sincerely believe that it is for the best interest of our fraternity not to admit the Freshman, for the reasons stated—because he is too apt to stop after the first year, because he has not had a sufficiently broad outlook on college life to give him a true conception, and, lastly, because he is too young, as a Freshman, to appreciate the ideals of fraternity life. It seems to me that from every view-point it is better—from the view of the college authorities, with their ideals of scholarship; from the broader standpoint of the Freshman, who will make a better man for his year's individual effort, and from the fraternity, with its ideals that it strives to maintain through its individual members.

EDWARD V. DUNKLEE,
Colorado Alpha.

“Is It for the Best Interest of the Institution and Student for Colleges and Universities to Forbid First Year Men to Join Fraternities?”

In taking up a subject of this kind it might be well to try to arrive at some definite conclusion as to what is meant by the term “fraternities” as it is used in the question proposed for discussion.

Are we discussing the “Alfalfa Delts” of “Siwash” fame and a hypothetical status of non-fraternity life, or are we considering the practical question of fraternity and non-fraternity life as we find it in the average modern educational institution?

It seems to me that “charity begins at home,” and that any discussion emanating from any other centre, making application of the wild orgies of the “Alfalfa Delts” in an abstract and superficial manner, or referring to any hypothetical or ideal status of non-fraternity life, is shooting wide the mark.

After a careful study of the *personnel* of the fraternity, from a critical standpoint, I am convinced that the majority of fraternity men are chosen because they have a lasting appreciation of good fellowship; those to whom the word “frater” is not mere “sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal,” and because they excel in some or all of the qualities that go to make up, in the truest sense of the word, a fully-rounded college man.

With this picture in mind, we may proceed to a discussion of the immediate effect of the fraternity on the student by raising the question, “What is the primary purpose of the fraternity?” If I am rightly informed, it is to honor and glorify the institution with which it is affiliated and promulgate the interests of its individual members. This being the case, and the first year man a desirable one in every particular, except perhaps period of residence, at what point in the discussion is it possible for doubt to creep in relative to the propriety of admitting him to the fraternity. If the premise is true—viz., that the promulgation of the interests of its members is the prime one (granting that only

desirable men are admitted in any case), then it necessarily follows that the interests of the first year man are best served by his being admitted.

I fail to see any point to the argument that relegation to the ranks of non-fraternity life for an additional year will cure snobbishness. I deny that such probation will even palliate the evil, much less cure it. In my opinion there are fewer snobs in fraternities than you will find in a like proportion of the non-fraternity element, first year men or what not. A snob can be made in five minutes, but it will take more than a year's probation in the "Keeley cure" of non-fraternity life to unmake him. And, furthermore, to those who would apply the temptation test, assuming the "Alfalfa Delt" fraternity and that millennium non-fraternity *regime* where the birds are ever singing and the flowers bloom on and on — — —, I would say that we might assume the "Siwash" college as well, and relegate the whole to the realms of oblivion.

We are discussing, then, the average desirable first year man that comes to the university with the average width trouser leg and the ordinary purpose of the average student. It is scarcely worth while to discuss the puppet, the snob, and the weakling, because, as a usual thing, when the smoke of the first "block week" has passed away, there is nothing left for them to do but regale themselves with the pungent odor of another cigarette, and to place fresh flowers on a newly-made grave, to the dying strains of the "Bustonian Chorus."

There are positively no rules that can be laid down regarding the time limit in determining the desirability of a man. Often-times high school students are stronger mentally and morally than even university men. If a man is desirable—that is, possesses those qualities that usually recommend a man to the average fraternity—he should be admitted at once, in the full understanding that neither his own nor the interest of the university will suffer.

My answer to the question, then, is, first, that we are serving . the best interests of the first year man by admitting him to the

fraternity. If the local chapter has had a line on the man prior to registration or entrance, he should be admitted at once. If they have not, he should be admitted as soon as an estimate can be secured on him—presumably at the end of the first semester.

In the second place, the student's relation to the institution would not be changed materially by affiliation with the fraternity. He is a part of the college, in or out ; but, if there be any perceptible change in this relation, admission can only be conducive of good, on account of the strict supervision that is ordinarily maintained by upper-class men, not only over the class work, but also over the aspiration of the under-class men for all collegiate honors.

S. W. MOORE,
Arkansas Alpha.

Pulling Together.

On the foot-ball field one day I heard a prominent ex-player and coach remark to a by-stander :

“In that team there are eleven stars, but the team is practically worthless because the men do not pull together.”

That night, as I was reading my next day's lectures, these words kept running through my head, and I thought, “This is the trouble with a large number of chapters in many of our fraternities ; there are too many star men, each of whom is trying to lead his fellows, and so sacrificing combined effort to individual grand-stand playing.” How often do we see this occur in every phase of life !

Let us grant the fact that—

“Some must follow and some command,
Though all be made of clay.”

This we do not attempt to deny, nor do we denounce the leadership, if it be for the best, of any man, in any chapter. But, whence this leadership ? Is it by the means of individual elec-

tion, or by the selection of the chapter brothers according to the comparative merits or talents of those concerned? We say the latter.

Consider, for a moment, the results of the last instance. Suppose a man, considering himself the most worthy, attempts to assume control. (And *who* is not more satisfied with his own capabilities than he is with those of another?) Instantly arises jealousy and friction. Brother A, who leads, wishes that Brother B would not take too much upon himself, while Brother B considers his individual rights equal to those of Brother A. Some side with one, others with his opponent, and in the confusion which results the aggressiveness of the chapter is lost. Let us then understand that through combined and continual effort, and only thus, is success achieved. And, too, let us remember that as men are to the chapter, chapters are to the whole organism, each chapter being an individual.

Sigma Phi Epsilon stands for everything that is elevating to the young men of our college world. To those whose great privilege it is to be enrolled upon her books there is no greater honor than to say to all the world, "I am a Sigma Phi Epsilon." How we enjoy forming the acquaintance of a strange brother. How good it is to clasp his hand in the sacred grip, and, looking into his face, to say, "He is my brother." We are brothers, geographically separated by rivers and plains, by mountains and valleys, but united in the spirit by ties too sacred to be considered save with awe. As yet we have had only a few of the difficulties of which I have spoken. But we are young as yet, and our ideals have been too much before our eyes to allow of such. However, we see on every hand, among the Greek-letter societies whose years number more than ours, mistakes, and, too often, falls, which many times result in almost utter ruin for the whole fraternity.

Brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon, take heed to the mistakes of others, and let us beware lest we fall into the same depths into which others have plunged. Wise men rise on ladders built by fools' mistakes.

Let us, then, vie with each other to see who can do most toward strengthening his chapter, and let each chapter strive to fulfill its duties and obligations. Brothers at Nu Alpha will outdo brothers at Alpha Nu if Alpha Nu does not abide strictly by the Constitution. Omega Delta will fall into decay if every *man* does not do his duty.

Look closely, then, to every chapter, and let each chapter work as one man for the honor and glory of Sigma Phi Epsilon. It is simple enough to do. Our ritual explains it all. Stand by its teachings.

If a chapter violates its obligations, or in any way becomes weak and requires bolstering up, let us cut it off and cast it from us; for as the single worm starts the ruin of the mighty oak, so may one bad chapter sow seeds of corruption which shall end in ruin. Better it is to exist as one strong chapter than as a thousand weak ones. "In union there is strength," and our watchword must be "Each for the best good."

Let our chapters keep in touch with one another; let our brothers strive to love, honor, and obey our ritual, and so long as time shall endure Sigma Phi Epsilon must remain foremost in the ranks of Greek-letter fraternities, and always the honor of honors to every wearer of the "heart."

F. E. H. McLEAN,
(Virginia Delta) Virginia Zeta.

Chapter Letters.

[The next letter is due in this office April 10th. Write legibly, on one side of the paper only. If possible, send type-written copy.]

Virginia Alpha.

Richmond College.

Meets every Monday at 7:30 P. M. in Fraternity Hall on Campus. Phone Madison 7992.

The time for sending in our letter creeps slowly along, and we are writing again to greet our brothers before the ink of our last letter is hardly dry. Or so it seems to the Historian. But when it comes to reading the letters from our other brothers—well, we wish that THE JOURNAL was published much oftener.

Since writing for the last issue it has been our pleasure to pledge and initiate another into the realms of secrecy which is involved in our beloved fraternity. We take pleasure in introducing to our brothers at large—

John Walter Carlisle Johnson, Louisa, Va.,

who was initiated January 22, 1910. Brother Johnson has been in Richmond College since September, 1908. He has proven his worthiness to become a brother with us. During his time in college he has made it his aim to be in the first ranks in class standing, and well has he kept close to this standard. It may be said that he is a born athlete; he has been rowing with the Virginia Boat Club for the past two seasons, and finds his place on the foot-ball team with ease. With Brother Johnson in our ranks, we have this year seven foot-ball letters in the chapter.

Since the last issue of THE JOURNAL there has been but very little around College about which to write. The past month has proven to be one adapted to the benefit of the real students. The weather has been very changeable, and thus everything has rested as an uncertain quantity; so the boys have taken good

advantage by hanging on to their books and looking forward to the festivities of the early spring, when the balmy breezes will detract their attention from the text-books.

In a few days the greatest social event of the college year will be over.

The Richmond College in-door games, we would like to say, were a great success, but that would be a little premature at the time of writing. But, from the present outlook, with everything in our favor, except the possible change of weather, it should be a success, and the fate thereof will have been decided when this letter is being read.

The mid-winter dance of the German Club was given at the Hermitage Golf Club January 18th. It was well attended by the alumni, as well as the full number of members; thus the floor was taxed to its full capacity. Brother Arnold had great difficulty going as a "stag," for some girls almost forced him to take them, but he always managed to get some other fellow to take them. He says he cannot afford to pay so much attention to any one individual.

It is with a great deal of interest that our fellows are looking forward to the coming Conclave, which a very large number of us hope to attend. It is right at Easter, and we hope that our winter "exams." will just be over, so that we will have nothing whatever to hinder us from attending.

We are very sorry to state that Brother Garland has withdrawn from College. Though he is in business in the city, and comes around the campus very often, it is not like seeing his smiling countenance and popular stride as of yore. He is missed very much from the College as well as from the fraternity.

This will be our last issue before the Conclave, and may it be that many of the brothers will meet each other personally, and have one gay old time in the capital city of our nation, and make this Conclave to be remembered as one of the greatest fraternal conventions of the year.

With best wishes to all brothers in Σ Φ E, we are,

Fraternally,

F. G. Louthan,

Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA ALPHA.

West Virginia Beta.

West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va.

Meets every Tuesday Evening at 7 o'clock at the Chapter House, 412 High Street.

In the midst of rain, snow, and winter weather of the superlative degree, West Virginia Beta, for the third time this year, sends greetings to all brothers in ΣΦΕ, and wishes for all continued prosperity and all good things.

In explanation of the fact that our meeting night has been changed from Thursday to Tuesday, we would say that it is the result of a movement which has been started in West Virginia University to arrange a sort of schedule for events of interest to students. Those of us who are fortunate (or unfortunate) enough to be members of various committees, boards, etc., find continual conflict in our dates, and, as a first step toward a better condition of affairs in this particular, it was deemed advisable to have all fraternities meet on the same evening and at the same hour. At a meeting of delegates from the representative fraternities at West Virginia University this matter was discussed, and Tuesday night was finally decided upon.

On Thursday evening, January 27th, we opened the fraternal doors to two more very worthy young men, and we take this occasion to introduce them to the fraternity in general :

Emmett Conner Baker, Sinks Grove, W. Va., Med., '13.

John Davis Ritter, Westfield, Pa., Special Engineering.

These men are both living in the chapter house. We also have several other "pledges," whom we hope to initiate some time this term.

At the last session of the Board of Control of Athletics, Brother Pocock, one of last year's assistant foot-ball managers, was elected to the 'Varsity managership for next season. This honor falls to Brother Pocock for no other reason than that he deserves it and has proven himself capable. He is also captain of the gymnasium team and is a basket-ball player of con-

siderable ability, and, in addition to this, perhaps his best recommendation is the fact that he is a good student and has, to an eminent degree, that faculty of making good grades.

In looking over the last JOURNAL we spent considerable time in discussion of the changes as proposed by the different chapters, alumni, etc., and it seems to us that, while all of them are not of the first importance, still they will all bear discussion at the Conclave. It is our one regret that we cannot all attend the Conclave, but we compromise on the best man, and hope to be represented by Brother Wyatt. We all call him "Fat," and we feel that even the most unobserving will immediately tumble to our reason for so doing when "Fat" dawns upon the Conclave.

The Pan-Hellenic dances this year have been very enjoyable affairs, and we have been well represented, as have all the other fraternities. In fact, our only difficulty seems to be the accommodating of the crowd, but we comfort ourselves with the thought that it is better by far to dance, even if the hall is crowded, than never to dance at all; and, in addition to this, what better criterion of the popularity of the dances could we have than the fact that everybody wants to go? But who does not like to dance occasionally?

On Thursday evening, January 20th, those of our men who do not live in the chapter house, together with several others, were entertained at a "smoker" in the parlors of the chapter house. A very enjoyable time was spent.

The annual Military Ball, the largest social event of the year at West Virginia University, will take place Friday evening, February 4th, in the armory. This event always occasions the return to Morgantown of many West Virginia University alumni from all parts of the State, and is always thoroughly enjoyed by all who attend.

Again wishing you all the best of success, we are,

Fraternally,

*J. E. Billingsley,
Chapter Historian.*

WEST VIRGINIA BETA.

Pennsylvania Beta.

Jefferson Medical College.

Meetings are held at Chapter House, 1108 Pine Street, every second Friday Evening at 10:30 o'clock.

All at Pennsylvania Beta are now busy preparing for the spring examinations. In the out-going class we are very well represented. Our Seniors include Brothers Forcey, Beck, Keeffe, Thomas, Johnston, Moriarity, and Lea. These men have added much prestige to our chapter by their four years of conscientious work.

The rapidly-approaching exams. makes it unusually quiet about the house, as all are working hard, and we have every reason to believe the past excellent records of ΣΦΕ Seniors will be repeated by the class of 1910.

Owing to the suspension of athletics at "Jeff." much good material is lying dormant, but we hope for a revival, and, when it comes, ΣΦΕ will contribute a goodly share.

We have several "pledges," but will not have an initiation until after the March JOURNAL goes to press, so we will introduce them in the May issue.

Our representative to the Conclave will be Brother William A. Toland.

We regret that we will not all be able to attend the Conclave, but our exams. start very soon after it, and we will all be very busy preparing for them.

With best wishes for a successful Conclave and prosperous conditions at all other chapters, we are,

Fraternally,

Charles A. Moriarty,

Chapter Historian.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

Pennsylvania Gamma.

University of Pittsburg (formerly Western University of Pennsylvania).

Meets the first Friday of each month at 5 o'clock P. M., in Fraternity Rooms,
3019 Brereton Avenue.

We at Pittsburg take pleasure in embracing this opportunity for sending greetings to our brothers in ΣΦΕ. We have succeeded in pledging a number of new men, and will take this opportunity to introduce our latest initiates, who were made partakers of the benefits of ΣΦΕ on the night of February 10th:

Robert James Dobbs, 1913, New Wilmington, Pa.

William Edwin Gardner, 1913, Allegheny, Pa.

Joseph Arnold Robinson, 1913, Pittsburg, Pa.

Esten Leuellen Haglett, 1913, Amity, Pa.

Harry Alfred O'Neal, 1911, Erie, Pa.

Thomas Basil Herron, 1911, Monessen, Pa.

Guy Morris Sprouls, 1912, Claysville, Pa.

Homer Leroy Hill, 1912, New Florence, Pa.

James Walter Christian Ferguson, 1911, Harson City, Pa.

We received our "grades" a few days ago, and we have kept up the good record of the chapter, having received a goodly share of the honors.

Next fall the medical department of the University will be moved to Oakland, and then all the departments of the University will be together, and we hope to broaden the scope of our chapter, and have a chapter house in which most of us can live.

We look forward with interest to the session of the Grand Chapter, and regret that our chapter cannot attend in a body. Our representative will be Brother V. B. Eiler.

With best wishes to all brothers in ΣΦΕ, we are,

Fraternally,

E. K. Dight,

Acting Chapter Historian.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

Illinois Alpha.

College of Physicians and Surgeons, University of Illinois.

Meets every other Monday at 8 o'clock P. M. at Chapter House, 725 Ashland Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

The second semester has begun, and, as good race-horses are trained to their greatest speed on the stretch, so is the spirit that is stimulating the brothers at Illinois Alpha. It is the realization of the usefulness of time that has famed the Illinois Alpha Chapter to their oft-repeated successes, both intellectually and socially. Inscriptions of good fellowship are evident throughout the fraternity halls, and it is with this spirit that each member and alumni are daily reminded.

The close of last semester—January 31, 1910—found Illinois Alpha a healthy organization in every respect, the same report boasting of thirty-three members and about twelve prospective members.

The reports of the committees were read at a special "smoker," held on the night of January 29, 1910, that was attended by all the members and several alumni, who voluntarily expressed themselves on the "sweetness of college life amongst college boys." The Illinois Alpha quartette surpassed themselves, and literally swayed the brothers with their well-rendered songs. Dr. C. Funkhouser, Chicago, was elected an honorary member. Bro. F. H. Carter, Vienna, Ill., was elected delegate to the Conclave ; Bro. Dr. H. M. Maltby alternate.

The annual reception to the Dean, William Quine, M. D., the social event of the college year, will be held March 18, 1910, at the West End Club-House.

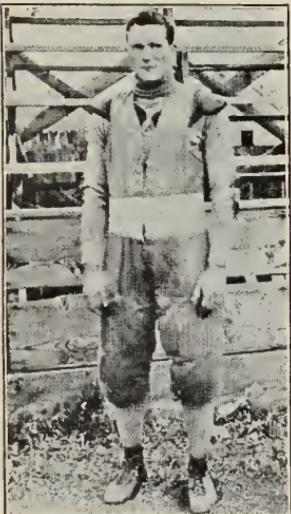
Our Seniors are all busy, as their college work will soon be finished. Brother Sword is preparing for the Cook County Hospital internship, while the following brothers have secured places :

Russell Heim, St. Mary's Hospital.

G. E. Johnson, Robert Burns Hospital.



Σ Φ E MEMBERS OF O. N. U. 'VARSITY FOOT-BALL TEAM.



JOHN MCFADDEN, '12,
'Varsity Left Half, 1908-'09,
Captain Basket-Ball 1910, Track Team.



C. R. WILLEY,
First Tenor Illinois Alpha Quartette.



CROSWELL WORKLEY, '11.
'Varsity Left Tackle, 1909.

W. F. Glaser, Robert Burns Hospital.
A. G. Johnson, St. Bernard's Hospital.
L. R. Pulley, Park Avenue Hospital.
B. W. Lewis, Park Avenue Hospital.
W. R. Hedrick, Lakeside Hospital.

With best wishes to all in ΣΦΕ., we are

Fraternally,

*Paul V. Joyce,
Chapter Historian.*

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

Colorado Alpha.

University of Colorado.

Meets every Monday Night at 10 o'clock in the Chapter House, 1135 Eleventh Street.

The time for the third letter to THE JOURNAL finds Colorado Alpha in the best of spirits. Perhaps it is because spring is already in sight, perhaps it is because everybody is glad that the final examinations of the semester are over, or perhaps it is just because we are young and full of vigor, and can't help enjoying ourselves. At any rate, with several promising new "pledges," the fraternity is starting the second semester with new life.

Since the last letter we have elected Brother Bailey as manager for next year. We find that, if the election occurs a semester before the new man enters upon his duties as manager, he has the advantage of the experience of the old manager, that is invaluable to himself and the fraternity during the following year. We have elected our delegate and alternate to the Conclave—Bro. John Flynn as the delegate and Bro. Edward V. Dunklee as the alternate.

In the larger life of the University Brother Dunklee has been selected as captain of the debating team to meet Kansas in March, while Brother Odlum is to appear on the team that meets Texas later in the year. Brother Dunklee is also manager of a college magazine, *The Civic Quarterly*.

Base-ball and track are already in full swing at the Uni-

versity. Brothers Schulte, Fawcett, and Flynn all have excellent chances for making the 'Varsity base-ball team this year. Brother Schulte is a formidable man in the pitcher's box, and will probably make his letter at that position. Brother Fawcett has made his letter two years, and will play third base this season. Brothers Flynn and McFadden have not been out for the 'Varsity before, but they are both experienced men with the glove. As for the track outlook, we have Brothers Prouty and McFadden to depend upon, with their former exceptional records. Also Brothers Warkley, Heaton, and Meeker are strong candidates for positions on the track team.

In the social line $\Sigma \Phi E$ gave a party and dance just before the holidays. Christmas tree decorations, colored lights of red and purple, a fortune teller, a German garden, where cider, doughnuts, and apples were served—all were features that made the affair a pronounced success. We will have another dance March 11th, to be held at a down-town hall, and then the annual pic-nic at the end of the year always pleasingly ends the social functions.

Since this is the last letter before the Conclave, we wish every success to the men and their work, and, although but one man from Colorado Alpha will attend in person, we shall all attend in spirit, and hope that some time we may meet all our brothers who will so nobly represent the interests of our fraternity.

Fraternally,

Edward V. Dunklee,

Chapter Historian.

COLORADO ALPHA.

Pennsylvania Delta.

University of Pennsylvania.

Meets every Tuesday Evening at the Fraternity House, 3745 Spruce Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

More than half the college year has passed. The second term is upon us, and all the brothers here at "Old Penn." have entered upon their new course of study. Mid-year exams. have



ARCHIBALD B. HEATON, '10.
Distance Man One Mile,
Two Mile, and Five Miles.
Letter 1908-'09.



JULIUS P. SHULTE, '11.
Manager Foot-Ball Team.
Letter in Basket-Ball, at Lake
Forrest University.
Candidate for Pitcher, 1910.



WINFRED L. PROUTY, '11.
Distance Man Two Mile.
Letter 1909.



EDWARD V. DUNKLEE, '11.
Manager Civic Quarterly, 1909-10.
Manager Tennis, 1909.
Debating Squad, 1909.
Captain Colorado-Kansas Debating Team.
President Scribblers Club.
Local Editor "Silver and Gold."



FLOYD BOSTWICK ODLUM, '13.
Debating Team, 1910.



JOHN P. FLYNN, '11.
Yell Leader.
Pres't Inter-Fraternity Association.
Chairman Junior Week Committee.



CHARLES FAWCETT, '11.
Third Base 'Varsity Base-Ball.

been passed successfully, and to all brothers in ΣΦΕ we extend our heartiest wishes that they, too, have made a success of the past term.

Socially, things have been very quiet around here. On February 12th we will hold our first tea. Early in March we will give a "smoker" to all of our alumni. It is our desire to be able to have all of them with us, and to let them know that they still, and always will, hold a warm spot in our hearts.

On April 6th our annual dance will be given. We hope to make it even better than the previous ones.

Since our last letter we have initiated two men:

February 1, 1910—

Walter Stillwell Crowell, Ch. E., 1911, Oak Lane, Pa.

Cecil Fullerton Stonecipher, Wharton, 1913, South Bend, Ind.

On January 29th Brother Levering ran in the relay against Yale at Madison Square Garden. He ran third, and gained enough on his man to give "Penn's" fourth man a long lead. Time, 2.01 1-5. Recently Brother Levering lowered the record for the mile on an indoor track. He is showing up in fine form. Brother Rumsdell is again on the track team. He is at present handicapped by a game leg. The injuries which he received during the foot-ball season have not yet allowed him the free use of his limbs.

Brother "Bill" Erb is representing us on the "gym." team. We expect him to make good in the first exhibition meet of the year, on February 5th.

Brothers Eggleston, Carley, and Brasher have made the Glee Club, and are now away on their trip through New England.

In debates Brother Charles Ackley represents us, having made the Sophomore Debating Team.

Brother MacFarlane will be our delegate, and Brother Carley our alternate, to the Conclave.

With best wishes to all our brothers, we are,

Fraternally,

Norman Foster,

Chapter Historian.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

Virginia Delta.

College of William and Mary.

Meets every Friday Night in Fraternity House at 11 P. M.

Amid the strain and stress of the last few weeks of the first semester's work, we were scarcely conscious of the approach of the time for our letter to THE JOURNAL. We were thinking more of that list of examinations inevitably associated with the close of the semester, and which determines whether the student can remain at college or be made to stand the embarrassment of being dropped from the roll, which means a trip home.

We are glad to say that Virginia Delta was very fortunate, for she has no alumni to report as a result of the above. Our brothers, as a whole, have done credit to ΣΦΕ in scholastic branches.

If Virginia Delta has been a little behind in their correspondence or other fraternal duties, she hopes to obtain forgiveness, this being such an inopportune time for work, other than "grinding."

Now that those much-dreaded "exams." are over, we once again feel free to spring out into life, and to take part in the social events of the day. There will be, within the next few days, two germans in town, at both of which ΣΦΕ will be well represented.

Basket-ball and track are the only athletics which we are concerned with at present. We regret very much to say that we are so unfortunate as not to have a representative on the basket-ball team, but on the track we will make a formidable showing. Brother Arnold, who did such good work on that team last year, will, of course, take a leading part.

Brothers Croswell and Newsom visited Brother Gilliam last week. They express themselves as having had a most enjoyable time.

We were very pleasantly surprised the other night by the sudden arrival of one of our alumni—Brother Newby. Brother

Newby is now a traveling salesman, and he seems to be doing very well.

Now, on the eve of a new era in the life of the ΣΦΕ fraternity, Virginia Delta wishes to pledge her earnest support in doing whatever is needed to be done, or whatever is best for the further development and progress of ΣΦΕ at large. She intends to show her interest in the welfare of ΣΦΕ by having present at the Conclave several of her members. We hope that much good may be accomplished by this Conclave, at which the members of the different chapters will have the opportunity of submitting their opinions of what is best for our beloved fraternity, and, by correlating, exchanging, and developing these ideas, we shall reach an universal one, which, when put into effect, will greatly aid in raising the already high moral, mental, and social standard of ΣΦΕ.

And now, in closing, we sincerely hope and feel sure that the Conclave will be a perfect success, and that every brother, who is able, will embrace the opportunity offered him for the display of his fraternal love.

With best wishes for every brother, we remain,

Fraternally,

*Herbert H. Blackwell,
Chapter Historian.*

VIRGINIA DELTA.

North Carolina Beta.

North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.
Meets every Sunday at 2 P. M.

Again North Carolina Beta extends greetings to all sister chapters in ΣΦΕ.

Since our last letter the Christmas holidays have come and gone, and now all the boys are back, each telling of the fine times they have had and the number of fair hearts conquered.

Since our return to College we have not been idle, but have

been looking for new men, and, to show for our efforts, we are glad to introduce to the fraternity at large—

David Uffer Jennings, Textile, '13, Greenwood, S. C.

Brother Jennings comes to us from Clemson College, having decided to try "Tar-Heel" hospitality. We have every reason to believe that we have secured a man of sterling worth in Brother Jennings.

Brother Parks, of the '10 class, decided to try Lehigh for a change. He claims better advantages in electrical engineering are to be had there, but there is a strong suspicion that there is a matter of the heart aiding Brother Parks in the choice. We feel sure that he will make good at Lehigh, and we recommend him to the brothers of Pennsylvania Epsilon.

At the last meeting of the German Club Bro. R. F. Jones was elected president of that organization.

North Carolina Beta is looking forward to February 5th, when we shall all journey over to Durham to help North Carolina Gamma with their initiation.

Since our return we have had delightful visits from Brothers Hal McCoy, of Trinity, and Paul Rockwell, of Washington and Lee. We were highly pleased with these brothers, and wish to say, both to them and to any other brothers who may chance this way, that our latch-string always hangs on the outside.

In closing, let us say that we wish God's blessing upon the Conclave and all delegates thereto; and may they do great things in behalf of our beloved fraternity.

All sister chapters of ΣΦΕ have North Carolina Beta's best wishes for a most prosperous year.

Fraternally,

*Alfred S. Armfield,
Chapter Historian.*

NORTH CAROLINA BETA.

Ohio Alpha.

Ohio Northern University.

Meets every Sunday Afternoon at 1:30, in Chapter House, South Gilbert Street.

We are once more sojourning in the land of prosperity. Our ranks are filled again, and we do not think that a more congenial or a more optimistic aggregation exists in the realm of fraternalism.

Our financial obligations, incident with the opening of our house were heavy, and we have been obliged to resort regularly to extra assessments on the active membership to meet our liabilities. We have also received much assistance and encouragement from our alumni. With the continued support of the old members, and good work on the part of the new, it will not take very much longer to clean up our indebtedness, and bring about once more a normal condition of affairs.

We recently met, and ways and means were discussed to promote the efficiency and influence of our organization. This was a good start to begin with, but we did not allow it to stop there, as has often been the case when this matter had been taken up before. In our account of stock we found that we had about thirty-five of the best men that the University enrolled, also a finely equipped, thoroughly up-to-date, convenient home, also sound credit, and the high regard of the people of our city, as well as the Faculty of our University. All these benefits, we realized, had come to us, directly or indirectly, through the fraternity, nor would they have been possible of acquirement through any other agency or instrumentality. Having a knowledge of these things impressed upon us, the counter question was asked, What do we, as individual members of the fraternity, give in return? Invariably the reply is, our material assistance, and, somehow, with this, many members find that it includes the sum total of their activity. But, even so, this is no new, strange, or alarming condition, especially in our case, when it is taken into consideration that at least seventy-five per cent. of

our men are new, and must be educated along fraternal lines before much can reasonably be expected of them. We well know that the moral support of every member is to be relied upon, if only an avenue can be opened for employment and development of his peculiar characteristics. Thus we have decided to find ways and means to bring into practical utility every man, be he old in the service or new in the ranks, and, by this equalization of the work, we hope to place responsibility upon the many, which heretofore has been borne by the few. It takes something besides money, or its equivalent, to make a fraternity ; it requires, in fact, a peculiar combination of service, intelligence, character, and devotion, and every fraternity, almost without exception, possesses these fundamentals, active or inactive, as they may be, in the material of which their membership is composed. The only problem involved is how to draw it out into the channels of usefulness. We lay much stress upon the proposition, because we feel that there is real value in chapter work, and real education of a quality attainable in no other way.

We regret to report an accident which happened to one of our members—Dr. H. S. Lehr, President Emeritus, and founder of our University. While walking from the Pennsylvania railroad depot to his home he slipped on an icy pavement, and, in falling, broke his left arm. Since the accident everything has progressed favorably, and the doctor will soon be able to get around again and perform his customary duties. Dr. Lehr is the "grand old man" of the Ohio Northern University, and we wish the fraternity at large could meet him, and experience, at close range, the genial cordiality of his generous nature.

All the fraternities of our University recently met, and decided to unite and give a social affair, the nature of which has not as yet been settled. The Ohio Northern University chapters believe in inter-fraternal as well as fraternal fellowship.

We have adopted new house rules to insure absolute quiet during study hours, and, without doubt, under the new system, the $\Sigma\Phi E$ house is the ideal spot for study in Ada.



OHIO ALPHA CHAPTER, 1910.

In looking up our records, we find that at least seventy-five per cent. of our men go West. The fact has brought up the issue of $\Sigma\Phi E$ development in that part of the country. We understand that there is some activity along this line being stirred up at present that will, in all probability, result in the establishment of new chapters in that territory. This will be good news to many of our men in the field.

The following men have been initiated since forwarding the last letter:

Guy Carleton Butler, Pharmacy, 1910, Lima, Ohio.

Armstrong Alexander Stambaugh, Classical, 1910, Ada, Ohio.

Peter Joseph McManus, Science, 1911, Cooperstown, N. Y.

William P. Burke, Elect. Eng., 1912, North Laurence, Ohio.

Russell Henry Smith, Elect. Eng., 1912, Floyd, Pa.

Edward T. L. Gruetzner, Science, 1910, Greenock, Pa.

Merle C. Bricker, Civil Eng., 1910, Alvoraton, Ohio.

Merl Oren Pontius, Pharmacy, 1910, Smithville, Ohio.

We have been most careful in the process of election, and these men whom we present to the fraternity at this time represent the winnowings from a body of twelve hundred students. This we feel to be a sufficient recommendation, and an adequate introduction.

In closing, we wish the representation of the various chapters a profitable and interesting journey to our capital city in March.

Fraternally,

OHIO ALPHA.

*C. F. Schellenberg,
Chapter Historian.*

Indiana Alpha.

Purdue University.

Meets every Friday at 9:30 P. M. at Chapter House, 102 Thornell Street.

The year 1910 came in with a typical winter, and during one of the coldest periods in many years the members of Indiana

Alpha returned from the Christmas vacation to take up the tasks of the new year.

With the closing of college for the Christmas vacation we gave our annual Christmas dance, which was undoubtedly our most successful social function of the semester.

Our house, decorated in Christmas bells and holly, was most inviting, and we are sure our guests could almost hear those Christmas bells ring with merriment as the jolly hours rolled along.

On Friday night, February 4th, Indiana Alpha will give her fourth informal party of the year, the preparations for which are now under way.

We were most agreeably surprised on December 22d to receive a visit from Bro. J. C. Lewis, '09. "Lewie" reports everything lovely in Detroit, and will probably be heard from later on in basket-ball, as he was captain of the Purdue team and All-Western forward for two years.

We were quite unfortunate during the Christmas holidays in having some of the radiators and water pipes in our house to burst, owing to the cold weather, and were inconvenienced a little on returning at not being able to occupy some of our rooms. However, everything was soon put in good shape and we were snug and comfortable again.

The basket-ball season is well under way at Purdue, and the "old gold and black" promises some big things before the close of the season. The class championship is being contested rather fiercely, as can be attested by Brother W. J. Friedmann, who is playing guard on the Sophomore team.

The delegate from Indiana Alpha to the National Conclave at Washington will be Bro. F. V. Woods, '11, with Bro. T. H. Henry, '11, as alternate.

A fraternity bowling league has been instituted at Purdue, and a championship cup offered to the winning team. Brother Hammond is lining up all the eligibles, and $\Sigma \Phi E$ will make a strong run for the cup.

Since our last letter we are pleased to report the pledging

of four new men, whom we are sure will all do honor to $\Sigma\Phi E$.

As the end of the semester approaches, the midnight oil is burned to a great extent, and the prospects are that our records in scholarship will be among the best for the closing semester.

In closing, Indiana Alpha wishes all her sister chapters all the good things that can further promote the honor and glory of $\Sigma\Phi E$.

Fraternally,

INDIANA ALPHA.

*W. A. Hanley,
Chapter Historian.*

New York Alpha.

Syracuse University.

Meets every Friday Evening at 7 o'clock, in the Chapter House, 303 Waverly Avenue. Bell 'Phone 6123.

At New York Alpha the time for our mid-winter JOURNAL letter finds the Sigma Phi's of the Saline City hanging up their trusty eye-shades, removing damp towels from their furrowed brows, and melting off the accumulated "grease," after the first of the biennially enforced "revivals of learning," which periodically interrupt their usually less strenuous pursuit of knowledge. While the reports are not yet all in, we have no hesitancy in saying that the enviable place $\Sigma\Phi E$ holds as leader in scholarship among the fraternities "on the hill" is in no way discredited.

The winter meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University was an event of considerable interest, due to the establishment of a new department in the Liberal Arts College—namely, the Department of Agriculture and Forestry. In spite of our nearness to the State school at Ithaca, there has been considerable demand for courses in agriculture and forestry at Syracuse, and it is with a great deal of satisfaction we are able to report this official action of our trustees. From the fact of the geographically central location and easy access of Syracuse,

and the fact of the place its Liberal Arts College holds as the largest in the State, we prophesy for this new department a growth which will develop it into a separate college in a few years. At this same meeting the gift of \$20,000 to the University by John S. Huyler, of New York, was announced.

Of interest to New York Alpha in this trustee meeting was the granting of the degree of B. S. to Brother Northrop, '10, who now enters the graduate school of the University for the remainder of the year.

On January 17th, at Cornell University, an event took place which, though primarily of interest to another Greek-letter fraternity, is of more than ordinary interest to ΣΦΕ. It was the installation of a chapter of the Honorary Engineering Fraternity, T B II. The establishment of a chapter of this national society at Cornell was due entirely to the untiring efforts of Bro. F. H. Kroeger, of Colorado Alpha ('04), now a member of Cornell's faculty. Among the initiates on that occasion was Bro. W. D. Craig, '10, of Colorado Alpha ('06), and upon the Installation Committee was Bro. P. B. Merwin, '10, of New York Alpha. It is events of this kind that intensify the "purple" in the banner we love.

With the opening of the second semester college interest here begins to focus itself on debate work. Besides the usual inter-class debates, of local interest only, we find the 'Varsity debaters preparing to line up against Colgate the latter part of February, and again against Ohio Wesleyan late in March.

The two 'Varsity teams have been selected, and it is with pardonable pride we are able to announce Brother Billings, '11, as leader of the team against Ohio Wesleyan, and Brother Hutchings as alternate on the team that will debate Colgate. In view of these facts, it is entirely unnecessary to say that a successful debating season is assured for Syracuse.

In athletic circles basket-ball is, of course, claiming first attention at this time. The "orange" quintet, while not starting the season as auspiciously as its admirers would like, is nevertheless showing improvement in every game, and bids fair to

give a good account of itself before the season's end. The usual inter-fraternity basket-ball league has just been organized, and Brother Davern's Sigma Phi warriors are daily making themselves proficient in the gentle art of fraternal bloodshed in preparation for a heavy schedule.

The annual crew demonstration was held in Crouse College the evening of January 31st, and, as usual, took the form of a monster mass-meeting which packed the hall. Speeches by old "grads." and former oarsmen, songs and yells by the students, and an illustrated lecture by our veteran coach, "Daddy" Ten Eyck, served to usher in the spring crew season in a manner that augurs well for "orange" day at Poughkeepsie June 25th.

That elusive diatom, the "bacillus matrimonensis," has again invaded our chapter, and as a result two more brothers have succumbed to the influence of this fascinating bacterium. On December 22, 1909, Brother Matthews, '09, was married to Mary C. Corwin, at Cortland, N. Y., and on January 4, 1910, Brother Scull, ex-'11, was married to Lucy Woodall, '09, at Amenia, N. Y. Brother Matthews is a chemist, with the Edison Electric Light Company at Newark, N. J., and Brother Scull has a position with the Maxwell-Briscoe Auto Company, at Tarrytown, N. Y. Judging from appearances, the epidemic has spread to the members of the Senior class also, since two or three pins are already conspicuously missing from among our worthy brothers of the "cap and gown."

Several of our alumni called on us during the holiday season, and we spent a very pleasant evening January 11th with one of our Western relatives, Bro. M. R. B. Keller, Purdue, '08, of Indiana Alpha.

With best wishes to our brother legislators as they ponder the knotty questions of fraternal jurisprudence at Washington, in March, while we "stay-at-homes" are enjoying our Easter recess, and with hearty fraternal greetings to each chapter and brother of the $\Sigma\Phi E$ family, we remain,

Fraternally,

*John D. Northrop,
Chapter Historian.*

NEW YORK ALPHA.

Virginia Epsilon.

Washington and Lee University.

Meets every Saturday Night at 10:00 o'clock, in Chapter Rooms. McCrum Building.

Since our last letter things have been rather dull in the fraternity here. We have considered several of the men who entered after Christmas, but so far have been unable to pass any one. However, we have a large and strong chapter, and, as only two are Seniors, we expect ten or more men back next year to start with. We wish here to thank our alumni and brothers in other chapters for their suggestions as to the men here, and to assure them that every man recommended to us has had our careful consideration.

All Virginia Epsilon men report a pleasant time during the Christmas holidays. Brothers Housley and Pitchford visited Washington and Baltimore, while most of the other men went home. Brother P. A. Rockwell spent the first week in January with the A. and M. and Trinity chapters, and was most pleasantly entertained by the brothers of each. Several of the fellows are talking of going to Durham February 5th to take part in North Carolina Gamma's "goating."

January 18th, at the first meeting of the year, we had a little banquet and had a few of the new Freshmen around. Brothers Cazort and Cole favored us with some excellent music on the mandolin and guitar. It was the most enjoyable meeting that we have had this school year.

Brother Cazort has been elected as one of the debaters in the debate against the University of North Carolina. This takes place in Greensboro, N. C., on April 8th.

Brothers Blackford and Hocker have been attending the dances at Sweetbriar College, and seem to like the place very much.

Just now the fancy dress ball, which comes off February 7th, is claiming our attention. This is one of the biggest dances of the year, and Virginia Epsilon will be represented on the

dancing floor in all costumes, from that of a Turkish officer to a sailor boy.

In athletics we have Brother Phillips on the basket-ball squad, Brother Housley on the Freshman basket-ball team, Brothers Pitchford, Loughran, and K. Y. Rockwell trying for the track team, while Brother Carter is getting in shape for the gymnasium team. On the base-ball field this spring we will have Brothers Phillips and Housley.

In the class-room our stars are Brothers Myatt and Reilley, who have been spending most of their time with their books.

We are looking forward, with a great deal of pleasant anticipation, to the Conclave. Bro. P. A. Rockwell has been chosen as our delegate, and will be accompanied by several other members of this chapter.

Brother Ashby, of Virginia Eta, was with us January 28th and 29th, coming over with the Virginia basket-ball team, which played games with V. M. I. and W. & L. here. We are always glad to have visitors from other chapters.

We are looking around for a suitable home for our chapter for next year. The problem of having a chapter house is a very difficult one in Lexington, as good houses are greatly in demand, and it is very hard to find one. We have our eye on a good one, however, and hope we may be able to secure it, as we believe it better for all the members to be in the same house. Scattered about as we now are, it is seldom that we see each other except at the regular meetings.

This chapter would like to see the next (May) JOURNAL the best ever gotten out, with pictures of all the chapters and chapter houses, and other things of interest to the fraternity at large. Every Historian should try to make his last letter the best of the year, and give a full account of the advance made by his chapter in all lines.

Fraternally,

*Paul A. Rockwell,
Chapter Historian.*

VIRGINIA EPSILON.

Virginia Zeta.

Randolph-Macon College.

Meets every Saturday Night in Fraternity Hall, Hughes Building.

To all Sister Chapters in ΣΦΕ—Greeting:

As your chronicler takes up his pen to indite this, the mid-session letter to the fraternity at large, he is rather at a loss to know just how to begin. Foot-ball is over, the god of the whizzing sphere has not yet arisen from his long year's sleep, the prospect of spring examinations looms forebodingly ahead, the holidays are forgotten, and the tide of college life is truly at its lowest ebb. Only one or two light breezes of interest ruffle the otherwise placid waters of our life.

But we would not have you think that we are looking upon a gloomy side of things; far from it! In the times of tranquillity and quiet are the great thoughts of the world laid bare; in the sunshine heaven draws its waters for the rain. And so while enduring, day after day, the monotonous routine of laboratory and class, we are laying out our plans for the days when they can be utilized. It is always necessary to remember that in a fraternity the men who are here to-day are gone to-morrow, and that those who are chosen to fill the ranks from time to time must be worthy of the places they are elected to hold. Men who are holding honors must be supported; those who are capable must be encouraged; those who are diffident must be drawn out. A fraternity chapter is a little world with all the primary characteristics of the social life. Granting this, no chapter is complete in itself when it does not embrace men of varying talents and dispositions; it must needs be a weakling. Thus a chapter, composed wholly of athletes, soon becomes a diseased member of the college body politic; one of "grinds" fades from sight, and soon ceases to be a factor in student life; that which shines only with the reflected light of social achievements falls into disrepute with the faculty; a body of orators, which seeks to absorb all the eloquence of the institution, having

few opponents, soon turns its thunderbolts into its own midst, quickly killing the fraternal spirit.

Permit another fraternity to have its base-ball star and its gridiron prodigy, if it can; *see to it that yours are as good*. Recognize that there are other students in college, *but win the scholarship medals*. See to it that your literary and social men are as good as the best. These things done, you will retain the respect and admiration of students, faculty, and all with whom you come in contact; you will be copied by all, for you will be above all. Does this ideal obtain in your chapter? It can. The motto of American progressiveness is "Set the pace"; ΣΦΕ is typically American. And he who makes himself a good fraternity man trains himself to be a good patriot, a good citizen, a good man in any place.

But we cannot be didactic throughout our whole letter, for we have news to tell. Though little is going on in college circles, yet the debates with Richmond College and William and Mary and the track season claim our notice, for in both we have received our share in the honors. Bro. J. T. Gillette, after being elected to the preliminaries to the Richmond College debate, resigned, and was elected to represent our college against William and Mary. Brother Gillette is one of the few men in college who is considered a good "all around" man, for his work in both foot-ball and base-ball, his literary honors, and his continued high class standing make him such a man as is an honor to any chapter of any fraternity. He leaves us in June, and we fear his place will be hard to fill.

Bro. R. K. Dawson was among the successful candidates for track honors, and has been chosen for the 880-yard races in the various meets Randolph-Macon shall enter during the season. Those of us who have seen his running feel confident of one event.

In other respects Virginia Zeta is holding her own with the rest of the college, and is looking forward to Easter and the Conclave with great pleasure. As we are so near the capital city, it is probable that several of our number will be able to attend the

sessions at Washington, and we all desire a better acquaintance with those who shall be there from other colleges. And any brother who passes through Ashland is offered a hearty invitation to stop over and visit us.

But, as our time is limited, we must reluctantly close our letter, and, in doing so, we wish each sister chapter the greatest of success from now on, forevermore. Let us see which can furnish the best material to draw from for the closing letter of the year. Besides making those of us who are in college feel gratified, we remember that the last letter of the session inspires us to greater things in the new. Therefore, with best regards and good wishes, we bid you press on with longer strides than ever before, to the everlasting benefit of ourselves and to the eternal glory of ΣΦΕ.

Fraternally yours,

*F. E. H. McLean,
Chapter Historian.*

VIRGINIA ZETA.

Georgia Alpha.

Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.

Meets every Saturday at 8 P. M. in the Alfriend Building, 97 Peachtree Street.

Once more the time has rolled around for Georgia Alpha to send her greetings and felicitations to her sister chapters, and we extend the warm hand-clasp of fraternal love to all our brothers, from the sunny slopes of Dixie to the snow-hills of old New Hampshire.

But, my! way down here we are having our troubles now, for the "exams." times are with us—the mid-year "exams.," which always work such sad havoc in the ranks of the would-be seekers after knowledge. But, then, before this letter is published the results will all be known, and those who have failed—oh, well, a *warm* welcome always awaits us at home any way, so why worry?

But, while we are on this subject, we would just like to

“speak our minds” about one thing, and that is *scholarship*. We find that a great deal more attention, as a rule, is paid by fraternal men to that branch of college life known as athletics than to any other. Now this is all right, in a way, but it does not seem to weigh quite enough, for while it is a mighty fine thing to have men in the fraternity who are good athletes, and who take a prominent part in all branches of college life, yet, at the same time, we should never lose sight of the fact that our primary reason for coming to college is to acquire an education—to fit ourselves to occupy the proper sphere in life—and for this reason, and for others fully as weighty, we should pay a great deal more attention to scholarship, and less to other things.

Now, mind you, we do not mean “bone-heads” when we speak of good students, for we have no use in the world for this class of students; but what we mean is a well-rounded man—a man who stands just as high in the class-room as in the social world or on the athletic field—one whose career will not be finished when he leaves college, but who will continue to make his mark wherever he may be placed, and who we will always, as now, be glad to refer to with pardonable pride as a member of our fraternity. He is the man who will in the end do us the most good, for a fraternity is known and rated in this little world of ours not so much by its active members as by its alumni, for we always judge the machine by the product it turns out, not by the looks of the machine itself.

Now, since we have said our little say about this, we will turn to things more local, and consequently more interesting, no doubt. Here we have been discussing for the past few weeks the suggestions made by our sister chapters as to the changes which they wish to see inaugurated at the coming Conclave, many of which we heartily approve, and others we do not rate so highly; but we cannot doubt for a minute the sincerity of them all, and we expect a great deal to come to the fraternity from the coming together and the exchange of views of the brothers from the various chapters of our fraternity.

We wish to introduce to the fraternity at large the following

new brothers, who have "ridden the goat" successfully since our last letter. They are—

Duncan Shepherd McLaurin, 1912, Elec. Eng., Jacksonville, Fla.
Verner Brindley McWhorter, 1913, Civil Eng., Birmingham, Ala.

We are very proud of these men, and expect them to do credit to the fraternity.

Fraternally,

James J. May,

Chapter Historian.

GEORGIA ALPHA.

Delaware Alpha.

Delaware State College.

Meets every Wednesday at 8:00 P. M., in Fraternity House, 558 Wilkins Terrace.

Since the last issue of THE JOURNAL we have passed through a very important period in the college year—the mid-year examinations. These tests should be helpful to every student, because he then finds out whether he has been doing his duty or not. If he realizes that he has not done his share of "grinding," he still has half of the year left in which to make good for the past. Every $\Sigma\Phi E$ should strive for a high standard of scholarship, because nothing will help to keep a chapter in better standing than this. We all feel a sense of relief when these tests of our knowledge are over, and we have a part of our time, at least, to devote to more pleasant things.

On January 7th we held our second annual dance. We expended our best efforts to make this affair a success, and, from the reports and congratulations received afterwards, we felt well repaid. Most of our old brothers were back with us on this occasion, and helped much toward its success. We feel that this function reflects much credit on us, and makes us more widely known than before.

The Junior class held their "Prom." on February 4th. As this dance came the week following examinations, every one felt free to have a grand good time.

Amid the attractive things that have been taking place we have not forgotten our duty as members in ΣΦΕ. On January 8th we added a new member to our list, and we take this opportunity to introduce him:

Stuart Randall Carswell, '12, Engineering, Elsmere, Del.

Brother Carswell is full back on the 'Varsity foot-ball team. He played in the majority of games this season, winning his letter.

The main attraction in athletics at this season is basket-ball. Up to the present time we have had much success in this sport, and we take pride in our team. Brother "Dick" Taylor is holding a position as guard, and will, no doubt, win his letter.

At the end of this term we will lose by graduation four of our valuable men—Brothers Shaw, Clark, Alden, and Horn. Although we will feel keenly the loss of these worthy brothers, we are sufficiently settled here to bear on high the banner of ΣΦΕ.

Brother Horn, who will represent us at the Conclave, has recently been elected to the ΦΚΦ honorary fraternity. Brother Horn has distinguished himself in various activities. In his Freshman year he won the first prize in English. In his Junior year he served as treasurer of his class, and this year he managed our foot-ball team.

Brothers Newman and Francis, of the '08 class, and Brother Carswell, '09, paid us a visit on Sunday, January 30th. Our older brothers are always welcome in our midst, because it helps to keep our friendship closer.

Now, as we are about to have our sixth Conclave, a certain duty rests on every ΣΦΕ. If all, individually and as chapters, will help a little toward the betterment of the "purple and red," we cannot help but have good and lasting results.

Wishing every chapter continued success, we are,

Fraternally,

*H. S. Ledenham,
Chapter Historian.*

DELAWARE ALPHA.

Virginia Eta.

University of Virginia.

Meets every Saturday Night at 11 o'clock, in Fraternity House, on Chancellor Street.

The period for hard studying is now upon us here at Virginia, and the ΣΦΕ boys are trying to do their part in this work, so new to some of them. Even "Squirlie" wears an eye-shade—sometimes, and Ashby is reported to have been caught with a book in his hand. However, amid many blushes, he declares that it was only a magazine, in which he was reading "Actor Chat."

On our return from the Christmas vacation we learned, much to our regret, that Brother Snell would be unable to be with us again, as he will remain in Harrisonburg, Va., in business. However, Bro. "Squirlie" Sexton, one of our promising "goats," has come over to the house and taken Brother Snell's room, and we are doing all we can to make him feel at home and to make a model ΣΦΕ of him.

Owing to the withdrawal from the University of Brothers Snell and Gaskin, an election was held to fill the offices vacated by them. It was decided unanimously to depose Brother Doughty from the office that he has held since the beginning of the session. This was not done on account of any misfeasance in office on Brother Doughty's part, but because we had an office to be filled that required a man of his ability and popularity. The roll of officers for this chapter at present is:

George L. Doughty.
Frederick C. Rinker.
John Aull.
Banton Palmer.
E. Warren Wall.
Marion S. Fitchett.

Since Christmas we have had a very enjoyable *soiree*, and, as the result of it, we have several fine prospectives, whom we hope

to introduce to the fraternity at large as full-fledged ΣΦΕ's in the next issue of THE JOURNAL. We need five or six new men this year, and we will have them if we can find the right material. Several of the brothers will complete their courses in June, hence we cannot hope to have them back next year. We must keep our house; that is a foregone conclusion. To do this we must have men enough next year to occupy it, and we have found that it is far better to take some new men in before the close of the session than to wait until next September to bring forth the "royal goat." In this way we can be sure of those who will live in the house, and therefore we are in no hurry at the first of the session to take men in before looking well into their fitness to wear the "heart."

With best wishes to all our sister chapters, we are,

Fraternally,

E. W. Wall,

Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA ETA.

Arkansas Alpha.

University of Arkansas.

Meets every Saturday Night in Chapter Hall in Wolf Building.

Arkansas Alpha sends all in ΣΦΕ heartiest greetings.

We are now in the midst of term examinations, and are trying to give credit to the fraternity. Since our last letter we have secured a fine suite of rooms in the Wolf Building, and will meet there in the future, as our chapter house was not suitable for initiations. The rooms are furnished in mission style, and are as good as any fraternity in the University. We intend to add a pool table and other features that will help us in a social way.

Our delegate to the Conclave is Bro. L. R. Plemmons, and other members will possibly be present, but we do not know definitely. It is hard for us to get leave of absence in the middle

of the term. Brother Plemmons will be thoroughly informed of our views on all matters to come before the Conclave.

Brother Young has been sick, and is out of school for a month to recuperate. Brother Kagy has withdrawn from school for the remainder of the year, but will probably be with us next year.

We wish to present to the fraternity the following zealous wearers of the "heart":

Mark Rogers Phillips, B. A., '10, Rogers, Ark.

William Thomas Clinton Young, B. A., '12, Jonesboro, Ark.

Carl Stevens Schindler, B. A., '12, Louisville, Ky.

Samuel Rodman Stout, Rogers, Ark.

We are pleased to know that a chapter is to be placed in Kansas, and hope that we will get suitable applications from other institutions in the West. There is no better field for expansion than in the growing Western universities and colleges, and the time is ripe for us to enter several. We suggest that active steps be taken to enter Oklahoma State, at Norman. Brothers S. E. Welch and H. M. Nicholson are attending there this year.

Elsewhere we give our views of matters to be taken up at the Conclave, and suggest, in closing, that all alumni keep a lookout for opportunity for expansion.

Fraternally,

J. W. Baxter,

ARKANSAS ALPHA.

Acting Chapter Historian.

Pennsylvania Epsilon.

Lehigh University.

Meets every Thursday Evening at 7 o'clock, in Chapter House, 821 Delaware Avenue.

A visitor at this time of the year would find all at Pennsylvania Epsilon hard at work, as by the time THE JOURNAL is issued

our mid-year "exams." will be over and we will have known our fates.

All is quiet along the campus, with the exception of an occasional basket-ball game at home. This year Lehigh has one of the best balanced teams of a number of years, so, with a wealth of good material, making the 'Varsity hustle to keep their positions, we heartily expect a very successful season.

The gymnasium team, too, has been steadily practicing for the hard schedule before it, which opens with a dual meet with Rutgers. Pennsylvania Epsilon is very well represented by Brother Swope, who is manager, and Brother Bailey, who last year won the coveted "L" in the "L" contest. Brother Bailey specializes in tumbling, and has always proved a point gainer.

With every man working hard at the oars, Pennsylvania Epsilon is steadily forging ahead, so that now we compare very favorably with the best of the nineteen national fraternities having chapters here. Since the last issue of THE JOURNAL our chapter has been reinforced by the entrance of Bro. Joe Baxter Parks, of North Carolina Beta. Brother Parks is entering the Electrical Engineering Department, and, though he has been with us but a short time, he has won a place in our regards by his likeable manner. This winning way has likewise extended into the ranks of the "weaker sex."

We would like to introduce to the fraternity at large two new brothers, who joined us December 18th. They are:

Harry Pinkerton Croft, '13, Civil Engineering, Camden, N. J.

Roy Jackson Fahl, '13, Electrical Engineering, Camden, N. J.

Both of these brothers won their numerals in class foot-ball, and have already shown us their ability to shine in the serious side of college work.

On February 11th-14th we have our first "real house party"—just a little celebration after the strenuous labors of "exam." time. At this time we turn the house entirely over to the ladies. It is little affairs like this that help to brighten the routine of college, and cause us to look back upon our college days as having been a pleasure and a joy.

Brothers Swope and Hall accompanied the "University Octette" to Philadelphia, where a very enjoyable time was shown them at the Philadelphia Lehigh Alumni Club "smoker," on February 4th.

Brother Swope has been elected to the "Class Book Committee." The "Class Book" is the book gotten out each year by the graduating class, and contains the picture, as well as a brief biography, of each member in the class.

With best wishes to all wearers of the "heart," we are,
Fraternally,

*J. Ross Hall,
Chapter Historian.*

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

Virginia Theta.

Virginia Military Institute.

Meetings Friday Nights in Barracks. Alternate Sundays at Sigma Phi Epsilon
Rooms in Lexington.

The end of '09 closed a bright year in the life of ΣΦΕ, and the new year brings a future of great promise. We of Virginia Theta intend to make even greater strides than we did in '09, and, with the spirit of loyal ΣΦΕ's to back us, failure is impossible.

The new year, which brings so many new men to the colleges and universities at large, leaves very few within our doors, but, since fortune does not favor us in this way, we will bend all of our energies in other directions.

We are proud of our success in securing the new men whom we introduced in the December JOURNAL, and, with these new wearers of the "heart" to add to our roll, we feel that we have a chapter to be proud of.

With mid-term "exams." over, the long struggle for supremacy at finals is now on, and we feel sure of landing some of the honors for the year. Bro. W. H. Edwards led his class last year, and he is again demonstrating his ability by leading the race for

first honors. He has his eye on the "Jackson Hope Medal," given to the cadet who holds the best record during his term of four years here, and there is no doubt of his attaining his goal.

And now a word about athletics. Basket-ball is the centre of attraction at present, and in this we have no 'Varsity men, but Brothers Farrell, Cockrill, and Lindsay are putting up a great game on the "scrubs," and we hope to see them make their monograms next year. In base-ball we have Brothers Moore and Chapman, of last year's team, and Brothers Walker, Richie, Bushnell, Kingman, and Long expect to put up a game fight for the vacant positions. With only four 'Varsity men back, we should, at least, land one of these positions.

In the social world we are also well represented by Brother J. M. Hundley. He was elected president of the "final ball" by his class, which is a much-coveted honor, and we have no fear but that he will be a stellar leader.

On February 8th the sub-faculty will give a "hop" to the corps, and we are all looking forward to the event with much pleasure.

And now, in closing this, our first letter of the new year, Virginia Theta sends heartiest greetings and best wishes to her sister chapters for a most successful year.

Fraternally,

R. C. Chapman,

Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA THETA.

Ohio Gamma.

Ohio State University.

Meets every Saturday at 6:45 P. M., at the Chapter House, 1500 Neil Avenue.

Ohio Gamma cannot announce the names of any new members in this issue of THE JOURNAL, but we have one "pledge," whom we hope to make the nucleus of two or three more before the winter term is over. We do not feel that our membership

is sufficiently large, and hope to bring it up to twenty by the end of the year.

The event of importance just at present is the Junior "Prom." A number of the fellows are going, and we expect to have a house party to add to the festivities of the week. Our house parties have been extremely successful affairs, and we want to make this the banner one.

Brother Miller was recently initiated into the Transit Club, an honorary civil engineering society.

Brother Schlingman has been appointed assistant in the Department of Veterinary Medicine.

Brother Snook, '08, is with us again, and is now in the faculty of the University, having been made assistant professor in the Department of Surgery and Pharmacology. At the State Indoor Rifle Meet, at Granville, the first of January, Brother Snook won the State championship, which is quite in keeping with his former honors, both State and national.

Brother Burnside, of West Virginia Beta, spent a part of last week with us, and we enjoyed his visit immensely. He was on his way to Detroit, where he has a new position.

Another interesting visitor of the past week was Brother Robbins, who made business an excuse for a trip to Columbus.

We profited a great deal from his stay, short as it was, and we regretted that he could not remain with us longer.

In closing, Ohio Gamma extends best wishes to the Grand Chapter for a large and successful Conclave, and guarantees to do her share to make it so.

Fraternally,

*T. Edwin Buchanan,
Chapter Historian.*

OHIO GAMMA.

Vermont Alpha.

Norwich University.

Meets every other Sunday at 1:00 P. M., in the Chapter House, on Central Street.

It is a pleasure for Vermont Alpha to send this letter. On January 21, 1910, we initiated into ΣΦΕ seven new men, of whom the fraternity will be proud. We think we have got the best in the class. It is a pleasure to introduce the following men to ΣΦΕ at large:

Frank Sanford Hoff, C. E., 1912, Willis, Mass.

Lyman Prescott Cox, Arts, 1913, Manchester, N. H.

Kenneth Frederick Raitt, C. E., 1913, Fitchburg, Mass.

Irving Aquila Rich, C. E., 1913, Chelsea, Mass.

Gerald Osgood Miller, C. E., 1913, Concord, N. H.

Arthur Francis Holland, C. E., 1913, Seattle, Wash.

Harold Brooks Smith, E. E., 1913, Fitchburg, Mass.

Brother Raitt is one of the three who stands at the head of his class, and we hope he will stay there.

After the initiation we had the annual initiatory banquet. Brother Rowe and Brother Dole were there to represent the alumni. It was unanimously agreed that we had never had such a good banquet.

Brother Johnson has just returned from taking "exams." for the Coast Artillery. We hope that he got through all right.

We expect Brother Schakowski, who went home sick last term, to be back within a week.

The musical clubs of Norwich start on a six-day tour through northern Vermont January 25th, and it takes a number of our men. The orchestra is made up of about one-half ΣΦΕ men. Brother Leete is the baritone soloist in the Glee Club.

In conclusion, we wish success to our sister chapters.

Fraternally,

H. T. Baker,

Chapter Historian.

VERMONT ALPHA.

Alabama Alpha.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute

Meets in Fraternity Rooms every Friday at 7:30 P. M.

Alabama Alpha sends greetings to all her sister chapters.

All of our men but two returned after the holidays, and report a grand time while at the "old homestead."

We have been hard at work since the new year, with very few social functions to interfere with our work. We wish to introduce to the fraternity at large

William Swart, Elec. Eng., '10, Baton Rouge, La., whom we initiated on January 14th. We feel that we have secured a prize in Brother Swart, as he is one of the most popular boys here, and played half-back on the 'Varsity for two years. He is one of the best half-backs we have, and a hard worker for Auburn. He is also a member of "The Thendara Club."

Class foot-ball is in full sway now, and we expect some class games. The Seniors are captained by Brother Bryant, and Brother Steadham is playing quarter for them. The Freshmen are coached by Brother Swart, with Brother Motley at half-back and Brother McGough at quarter. We expect them all to play star ball. Brother Wood is manager of the Freshman team.

Next to class foot-ball comes the 22d of February dances. All of us are crazy for the time to come, as we are going to have our first dance then. We expect about fifty couples, and have invited several men of every fraternity here to help us take care of the ladies. We have a beautiful place to have the dance and a good dance committee, and expect to have a great time. We have written for our alumni and the Georgia Alpha boys, and hope to have them all with us.

In the class german clubs Brother McGough is leader of the Freshman German Club, Brother Bryant is floor manager, and

Brother Steadham assistant of the Senior club. Brother Steadham is also floor manager and one of the committee of three to carry out "The Thendara Club" dance.

Brother Wood is making good as a "rat," having been elected vice-president of the Freshman class, and a mainstay of the 'Varsity band.

Brother Steadham will represent us at the Conclave, and we hope will bring back much information for us.

Mid-term "exams." begin on February 12th, and we are all hard at work studying for them.

If any of the brothers are ever near Auburn, we hope they will not fail to come and see us.

Fraternally,

*J. B. Steadham,
Chapter Historian.*

ALABAMA ALPHA.

North Carolina Gamma.

Trinity College.

Meets every Monday at 7 P. M. in the Chapter Rooms.

We returned after the Christmas holidays to take up our college work and continue our fraternity ties. We are now in the midst of the period of the greatest strain of the college year. The examinations for the first term are in full sway, and, as we hope to have all our work passed when they are through, we are putting in all our time studying.

Bro. Paul Ashby did not return after the holidays. We are sorry, for we feel that we have lost a good man.

We are now looking forward to the Sixth Conclave, and expect it to be the best in the history of our fraternity. We read with interest the suggestions of the different chapters in the last issue of THE JOURNAL, and think that they are nearly all good, and that it will be to the benefit of the fraternity if they are adopted. We also notice with pleasure the organization of an alumni chapter at Atlanta. We think that it shows the

spirit of interest of the alumni in the progress of the fraternity. We wish this chapter success, and hope to see more alumni chapters organized.

Our base-ball practice started on the 1st of February, with Dr. Adkins as coach. During the spring the topic of conversation about the campus is base-ball. The practice field is visited every afternoon by the students, who discuss the merits of the different players. Trinity generally turns out one of the best teams in the South, and they have made some very good records during the past few years. This year's team is expected to be up to the standard. We expect to be represented by Brothers Bundy and Harris. Brother Harris was on the team last year, while Brother Bundy played on the team in 1908.

With the spring, tennis will be revived, and we will take a special interest in the contests that will take place, as Brother Ashby is a member of the team.

We had our initiation on the 5th of February, and we wish to introduce the following brothers :

Frank Reid Ray, 1913, Spray, N. C.

Bobbitt Marcus Tuttle, 1913, Goldsboro, N. C.

Joseph Howell Way, Jr., 1913, Waynesville, N. C.

We expect Brother Ray to become a great orator, as he is a very entertaining speaker.

Brother Tuttle is a very valuable man in the scholarship line, and we also hope to be represented by him on the ball team this spring.

Brother Way has a fancy for the fair sex, and has already gained a reputation as a lady's man.

With best wishes for the success of our sister chapters during the new term, we remain,

Fraternally,

*J. M. Currin, Jr.,
Chapter Historian.*

NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA.

New Hampshire Alpha.

Dartmouth College.

Meets every Wednesday at 7:15 P. M. in Fraternity Rooms, Dartmouth National Bank Building.

Since the last letter to our brothers in ΣΦΕ, through the medium of THE JOURNAL, New Hampshire Alpha has advanced materially in prestige. Immediately following the last writing, Dartmouth had her "chinning" day—the fiercest ever! Numerous difficulties stared us in the face as we looked out upon the morning of December 4th. We were small in numbers, the youngest fraternity in college, and with comparatively little history behind us. Thus situated, we had to cope with the largest and strongest fraternities. But, with the true ΣΦΕ spirit, and the strongest bond of love binding us together, we went out into the battle *to win*, and in a manly way. With the "heart" of ΣΦΕ on our breasts, and our whole heart in ΣΦΕ, we loved to cope with difficulty, which fell prostrate at our feet. Defeat was impossible. When the day was done ΣΦΕ had reaped a rich harvest, and was well satisfied. After an exhausting period of rival demonstrations of three fraternity jewelry representatives, lasting far into the small hours of the morn, the agents at length betook themselves to their "roost," and we wound up the strenuous proceedings with a little feed, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

For the next three days our neophytes busied themselves by entertaining us with various novel stunts, from measuring the campus with a foot-rule to counting the grave-stones in a cemetery at midnight, and copying the inscriptions by the light of matches only. An extemporaneous minstrel show ended our "unsophisticated" stunts.

On the afternoon and evening of December 8th we enlisted into our fold ten men after our own "heart." We are proud, indeed, to introduce to you our new brothers:

Frank Holmes Cushman, B. S., 1913, Claremont, N. H.
Grover Franklin Fox, A. B., 1913, Lowell, Mass.
Earle Thayer Spear, B. S., 1913, Shelburne Falls, Mass.
Howard Thompson Ball, B. S., 1913, Claremont, N. H.
William Barnum Gumbart, A. B., 1913, Norwalk, Conn.
Whitney Haskins Eastman, B. S. and C. E., 1910, Fort Anne, N. Y.
Frank Rich, B. S., 1913, Stamford, Conn.
Maurice Clyde Avery, B. S., 1913, Newport, N. H.
William Dunklee Smith, A. B., 1913, Claremont, N. H.
Frederick Smyth Page, B. S., 1913, Manchester, N. H.

On Wednesday, December 15, 1909, Brother Husband presided as toast-master at the first banquet of New Hampshire Alpha. He entertained us royally with his wit, and, best of all, his loyal tribute to $\Sigma\Phi E$ and his most excellent advice. The evening was a most enjoyable one, and love of and loyalty to $\Sigma\Phi E$ were uppermost. After various toasts, Brother Adams' "Song to Sigma Phi Epsilon" was sung with a great deal of enthusiasm and reverence, and the evening was concluded by cheers for $\Sigma\Phi E$ and for Dartmouth, and finally the "Dartmouth Song."

Brother Ball is captain of the Freshman cross-country team, and his splendid work this past fall has won the admiration of the entire college. He is also prominent in the Bible Study Movement, which is gaining a strong foothold at Dartmouth.

Brother "Husky" Rich is not only a classy "twirler of the sphere," but considerably of a star at basket-ball; he easily made the Freshman team, on which he plays left guard. His playing is snappy and full of life, and he's always "there with the goods."

Brother Cushman with Brother O'Connor represent $\Sigma\Phi E$ in the college orchestra.

Brother Eastman is a man of great ability in the civil engineering line, being in Thayer School.

Much might be said of the other new men, but lack of space forbids.

Brother O'Connor has been chosen to represent ΣΦΕ in an open meeting called to discuss the advisability of a change in the "chinning" rules.

With brotherly interest, we wish all brothers in ΣΦΕ the very best of success.

Fraternally,

A. E. Dorr,

Chapter Historian.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

District of Columbia Alpha.

George Washington University.

Meets every Saturday, at 8:30 P. M., at the Chapter House, 1515 O Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C. Telephone, North 3007.

Since our last letter the great social season at the Nation's capital has spent itself. In the many social events ΣΦΕ has had its share. During the Christmas week we had two functions at the house—a dance on New Year's eve and a Five Hundred party on New Year's night. At the dance only a few members were present, as some had gone home for the holidays and others had prior social engagements. The Grand President and Mrs. Cooney were present, and, together with Dr. and Mrs. Houghton and Mrs. Goodloe, acted as our chaperones. At the stroke of 12 the whole assemblage went to the front steps and aided in ushering in the New Year by the noise-making instruments which had been passed around as dance favors.

New Year's night nearly every ΣΦΕ in the city was present. Brother and Mrs. Greenwald, of Colorado Alpha, and Brother and Mrs. Helton, of Pennsylvania Delta, were among our guests. In fact, more attended than we had planned for, and resort was had to many articles of furniture that are not usually used for tables at card parties. We enjoyed it, nevertheless, on the principle of "the more the merrier." The prizes were won by Miss Brashears and Brother Poole.

An incident of the day, which furnished the chief topic of

conversation that evening, occurs to the writer at this point. Four of our brothers that afternoon came to the conclusion that when one has a host of girl friends, and desires to pay New Year calls on all of them, a carriage is required. Unfortunately for them, they had forgotten that there are other members of ΣΦΕ who are also attentive to their social duties. It was arranged that the carriage should call at the chapter house as the starting point. So, while our four brothers were about to leave, the other members in the house—and there were some twelve or fifteen present at the time—purposely delayed their start by one means or another, while others carefully tacked on the rear of the carriage a large placard—a souvenir of Brother Houghton's wedding—bearing the legend, "We're just married and we're so happy!" And off they went! Later that afternoon those same twelve or fifteen members attended a reception given by some members of one of our sororities, and, just as they were leaving, our four fashionable brothers with the carriage arrived. The rest of this story we cannot relate, except to say that when our four fashionable brothers came out to look for their carriage, it had disappeared. By whom it was taken, who paid for it, and where it went, remain a secret to this day.

After New Year's all of us got down to real hard work for the mid-year examinations, which took place the last week of January. Unless we have miscalculated, and unless the old saying that history repeats itself goes wrong, we look forward to the receipt of an excellent report as to the outcome of these battles with memory.

The hard work of the examination period received its compensation in the week which followed. Two of our greatest college events of the year took place, the Students' Ball, on February 4th, and the third annual Indoor Games, on February 5th. At the ball ΣΦΕ had its quota. Brothers Baer, Callister, Curl, Dahn, Daniels, Gunning, Poole, Reavis, Seiler, Sherwood, and Wilson attended. The ball is not only a student event, but it is one of the great social affairs of the city, and is given annually for the benefit of the University Hospital. It was held

at the New Willard, Washington's finest hotel, and the ball-room scene of that night is one which will never be forgotten by those who were present. Brothers Baer, Poole, and Seiler were on the Floor Committee.

$\Sigma\Phi E$ also had its share in the Indoor Meet. It was represented in the Inter-Fraternity Relay by Brothers Gunning, Schmitt, Powell; and Brame, and led until about half a lap from the finish, when the $\Theta\Delta X$ man leaped in front and won by a very close margin. Three other fraternities, $\Delta T \Delta$, ΣX , and $\Phi\Sigma K$ were represented in the race. Brother Bayly was a member of the 'Varsity relay team which defeated the Richmond College team. This race was the *finale* of the meet, and was interesting from the crack of the pistol until the tape was broken. Another, and perhaps the inspiring event of the evening, was the Cornell-Virginia Relay. Virginia's fourth man, the mighty Stanton, had over twenty-five yards to make up in the three laps, and was beaten by less than a yard. The whole audience was upon its feet and cheering, and the band was urging on Virginia by the strains of "Dixie." One more lap and Stanton would have brought his team the victory over the famous Hurlburt, of Cornell.

During the Christmas holidays Brothers Barber, Callister, and Taylor went home, and Brother Powell took Brother Yancey home with him. Brother Jeffrey went away during the holidays on a short trip.

Brother Redfield received an appointment on *The Hatchet* staff, giving our chapter at this time four men on the staff of that publication.

Brother Seiler has been elected president of the Graduate Studies Class, making two $\Sigma\Phi E$'s in the Association of Class Presidents. This duty, with the other great task that Brother Seiler now has on his hands as editor-in-chief of *The Cherry Tree*, our University annual, makes Brother Seiler a very busy man.

Brother Marsh has been playing guard on the basket-ball team, and went on the trip which the squad recently took into Pennsylvania and Delaware.

The Grand Treasurer, Brother Griffin, paid a visit to his old friends at the Law School the other day. This was quite unexpected, but very pleasant, and Brother Griffin was as badly besieged for a while as if he had been President Taft.

The Calcium Club is now rehearsing for its spring production, and many of our brothers are "trying out" for parts. In the past we have had several members in the cast, and we will be exceedingly disappointed if ΣΦΕ is not represented this year.

Before our next letter reaches you the Conclave will have taken place. We hope to see many brothers at the Conclave—not only to see them, but to know them. The fact that the Conclave meets in Washington, and also the fact that there are many near-by chapters, ought to bring out a large attendance. We are looking forward to it with great enthusiasm, and hope that it will be our fortune to entertain the most successful and most interesting Conclave in the fraternity's history.

With best wishes for the success of every chapter, we remain,

Fraternally,

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA.

*Joseph R. Curl,
Chapter Historian.*





Editorials.

The Conclave.

In about four weeks the time set for our Sixth Conclave will be upon us. We can look forward to it with thoughts of pleasure only, for we are better prepared to come together for business than we ever were before.

The Constitution offered by our Grand President, and accepted by us at the Chicago Conclave, although making many radical changes in our government, has proven an instrument of wonderful good to our fraternity. Many problems that have arisen were settled conclusively by it, and its strongest opponents now acknowledge its merit, and the policy of our fraternity is assuming a definite form.

Let no one think, however, that the Sixth Conclave will have little or no business to attend to. Many fine questions will come up, not only for discussion, but for settlement, and the three days set apart by the committee will be far too short to do all that is desired.

The Chicago Conclave was mostly work, and very little time was had for pleasure. It is hoped that at this Conclave all of the delegates will have time to take in every pleasure event that takes place.

Every delegate should come prepared to advance his chapter's interests, and ably state his chapter's views on all legislation of a general nature that it desires. It is unfair to the Grand Chapter for a chapter to complain of certain laws, when the records of the Grand Chapter show no complaint registered by

that chapter's delegate at the time the law was passed. The chapters should thoroughly discuss all desired legislation in chapter meetings, thereby giving the delegate a proper understanding of the questions.

We look for an enthusiastic session and a larger gathering of ΣΦΕ's than we have ever had.

The Journal.

We have been mailing THE JOURNAL to a number of old subscribers, who have not as yet remitted this year's subscription. Like all other publications of its kind, the alumni subscriptions are an important factor, and we trust that the delinquent brothers will remit at once.

Circular Letter.

We wish to call the attention of all the chapters to a circular letter, covering section 8 of the Rules and Order of Business of the Grand Chapter. We particularly desire to impress the chapter's delegate with the importance of this section.

The Sixth Conclave.

C. A. VER BECK.

Marking it from similar gatherings of the past, perhaps, the sixth Conclave of the ΣΦΕ fraternity, at Washington, D. C., March 28th, will be distinguished by the number of new faces, by an instilling of new blood, as the result of grants of charters made since the last Conclave.

With these delegates from sections never before pierced by the ideals of ΣΦΕ will come new ideas, plans, suggestions for

the advancement of the fraternity. Many of these will be good, and will be worthy of serious consideration by the Grand Chapter. Then, too, probably there will be measures advanced which pertain only to local conditions, and which have no bearing upon the organization at large.

To the chapters and to the prospective delegates to the Conclave, THE JOURNAL would give this last foreword before entering the convention hall. There will also be present, as officers and delegates, men who have participated in Conclaves since the inception of the institution. From actual experience, they are acquainted with the quickest and most effective methods of securing results. Their advice should be given much consideration.

Again, these men are progressive and alive to the interests of ΣΦΕ. They are willing to hear all suggestions of changes from present methods, giving a limited amount of time to each. However, the demands for attention always have been found so great on these occasions that delegates will find that their projects will be accorded a much better chance for consideration if they are presented in clear, concise terms and in bold outline.

Any and all suggestions will be welcome, but they should be couched in such terms as to occupy the minimum amount of time for disposal.

Chapter Letters.

C. A. VER BECK.

Material improvement, both in quantity and in quality of the chapter letters to THE JOURNAL, has been noted during the last few years. Much credit for this is due the editor, while commendation also should be given the various chapter correspondents.

One of the most serious charges to be brought against the chapter correspondence in its present form is the fact that it is so narrow and local in its nature. Such communications are not

read with as much interest as are those containing real news or suggestions concerning the fraternity at large.

In the effort to make the chapter letters perhaps more widely read, THE JOURNAL would suggest that the correspondents include a brief *resume* of what is being done by the institution, as well as the activities of other Greek organizations at the point where they are located. Thus ΣΦΕ may be given an idea of what the "other fellow" is doing, and profit by it.



The Greek Press.

S. K. PHILLIPS.

Exchanges are requested to send one copy to each of the following:

S. K. Phillips, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

Clyde A. Ver Beck, care *Montgomery Advertiser*, Montgomery, Ala.

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The Exchange Editor has received and read with much pleasure the following journals since our last issue:

The Rainbow, of Δ T Δ, for November, 1909.

December—The Δ Y Quarterly; *The Record*, of Σ A E; *The Shield*, of Θ Δ X; *The Shield and Diamond*, of Π K A; *The Caduceus*, of K Σ.

January—*Kappa Alpha Theta*; *Beta Theta Pi*; *Shield*, of Φ K Ψ; *The Mask*, of K Ψ; *The Garnet and White*, of A X P; *The Frater*, of Ψ Ω.

* On the eve of our Conclave the following from *The Mask*, of K Ψ, clipped from the *Garnet and White*, ought to prove to be interesting reading to all Σ Φ E's:

“We want the best possible officers at the head of fraternity work. A study of conditions in any large American city will convince that the best politician does not make the best officer. As the fraternity grows there will always be aspirants for office. As a general thing, their efficiency in office is in inverse ratio to their zeal in getting there. The delegate must distrust advances, whether made by the man himself or by his friends. The best officers do not always have the most enthusiastic followers—at least before election. The delegate must be guided by principles, not personalities.

“One of these principles is that *some member of the National Council should be changed each year*. The men who have been through the experience of managing the fraternity form a strong reserve against emergency. The intimate knowledge of the

fraternity's policy and affairs can be gained in no other way. We need a large group of such men—not a few—as the best insurance against shipwreck, the best safeguard of conservatism, the very best antidote to pernicious politics in the future. Given a Council in which every man is perfectly efficient, at least one of these paragons should be changed each year, that there may be no stagnation; that another man may be put in training and add the gift of his personality to the ability of the rest; that the Council may not lose touch with the younger members of the Order; that the fraternity may continue to demand unpaid the best efforts of its best men without their enthusiasm being dulled or discouraged by the prospect of interminable effort; that another trained brother may be set free for work at large in the brotherhood, which sheer lack of time would prevent his adding to his Council duties; that the Convention may feel responsible for and in vital relations with the Council. It is always so easy to let well enough alone, especially when a Councillor wants to stay on. "Don't hurt his feelings." But the welfare of the fraternity, the whole group of brothers, is paramount, and if there is and has been the tradition that 'at least one Councillor should go out each year, his feelings will not be hurt.

"The brother so relieved from duty should be the Councillor elected for the three years term past. The President and Vice-President have fixed constitutional and statutory duties, are voted upon each year, and their change rests on considerations touched on below. The National Secretary should *never* be changed, as long as he can and will do his work. This is not theorizing; every Grand or Subordinate Lodge of Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, or what not will give the same counsel. The experience of all these bodies is worth something, and they keep their secretaries for term after term. No new man can gain acquaintance with voluminous records, archives, and multiple threads of correspondence without months of preliminary or handicapped work. The National Secretary should be the only salaried official in the fraternity, his salary

should be increased as we can afford it, and the fraternity should, like others, ultimately secure his whole time. The Councillor-at-Large has had his three years of gratuitous hard work; he should be promoted or retired with honor. And this should be a policy and a principle without exception.

“The second principle is that *not more than two members of the Council should be changed any year*, unless the fraternity is in danger from the inefficiency of the whole Council. It is hard for the average undergraduate to realize that the National Council, as such, has an individual and definite policy. If it has not, at any time, it should have. Matters of extension; questions as to inter-fraternity relations; movements to strengthen weak chapters; these and many similar matters run over from year to year—they are movements, not motions—and they require for well carrying out a homogeneous body familiar with the history and facts in the case, familiar with just the result desired and just the means in hand to achieve it. It is too much to ask of human nature that a majority shall accept implicitly a minority statement and view-point on matters of policy.

“While three or four newly-elected Councillors, full of pre-conceived theories and a somewhat pardonable sense of importance, may not be expected to defer to the judgment of the one or two old Councillors, nor to accept without trial the experience of others, a newly-elected minority *must*, perforce, defer in all important matters; the policy remains the same, and it is only after the new-comers are thoroughly familiar with the situation that they can make converts to their views, and then not by the force of vote, but by the merit of good argument. Perhaps the greatest reason why we have such an electoral earthquake once in a while is the same fear that a single substitution only will be thought a personal reflection. If this is so, the acceptance of Principle 1 may make Principle 2 acceptable, and it is no less important.

“It is a poor theory that has no elasticity. There may be difference of opinion as to how frequently one change should be made on the Council at the yearly election, and how often two.

It is obvious that the President and Vice-President should not be asked to serve too many years. If the work is properly done it is a burden ; if not a burden it is not thoroughly done; and we cannot lay on brothers for too many years an unsalaried burden which may interfere with their bread-winning or their health. Since, on the basis of what has been said, both these officers may not be changed the same year, it would seem to the writer that they might be changed alternately, holding over both whenever some uncompleted work or other reason rendered advisable postponing the retirement of the senior.

"To conclude with Principle 3. Pay no attention to what any one says of the personal attractions of the candidate, but *vote in favor of a man on his past fraternity record only.*

"How simple and obvious that sounds! A man's fraternity record is open to every subscriber to *The Garnet and White* and *Labarum*; it is shown in his attendance at conventions, in his holding of important chapter office, in his work on national committees, in his repeated visits to other chapters than his own—in a multitude of such ways. But nearly every one has heard that such and such a man is a good candidate, because "everybody likes him," "he is a bright fellow," "he is a very successful lawyer," "he made the crack speech at —— banquet, last fall," "he would like to be a Councillor," "Bill wants him elected," "it will pay to get him interested," or "if you vote against him he will take it as personal"! If a man is of the proper calibre for office he will have already done heaps of work out of office—not only work in general, but work which you can specify, itemize, and approve. If there is no such man present the officers of the fraternity, whose business it is to interest such men and keep them busy, are to blame."

THE II K A *Shield and Diamond* for December has a clear presentation, it seems to us, of the "Double Fraternity Membership" question. The author of said article, Charles W. Underwood lays down these four fields wherein the professional fraternity

must look for men, and briefly examines the possibilities of each, as follows :

“ 1. The professional fraternity will not, cannot consistently, ask those men who are members of academic fraternities.

“ 2. The ideals of professional and academic fraternities being more or less similar, it is not likely that the professional fraternity would care to draw its membership largely from a class which, while at college, was not considered fraternity material. We do not want to be understood as saying, nor do we believe, that all members of the class we are now considering are unworthy of becoming fraternity men. Indeed, some of the best men have been overlooked in this as in other things, but it is true that this class, as a class, is not material for a professional fraternity if it is not material for an academic fraternity, and the few really worthy ones would not be enough to form a reasonably healthy chapter.

“ 3. It is true that some men, desirable in all particulars, do not join academic fraternities because they do not wish to do so. These men would, no doubt, make good men for professional fraternities if they would join, but we apprehend that these men, had they desired to join a fraternity, would have done so while academic students, and the fact that a fraternity is a professional fraternity would not have a very decided weight in inducing them to become members. This class is, in addition, very small, and probably not more than two or three will be found in any one professional school.

“ 4. From the class that enters the professional school, without academic training, the professional fraternities will, therefore, draw their greatest number of members. And in that class will be found fraternity material as good as any academic fraternity can boast. But the greater part of that class of men will, perhaps, not care to join a fraternity—some for financial reasons, others because they may think they did not come to college to join a fraternity, and for various other reasons.

“ The number of men, therefore, obtained from each of the classes above outlined would, of necessity, be very small, and

with competition it is not likely that a first-class chapter could be organized and maintained. We state the general rule only, for there are undoubtedly exceptions in some of our professional schools, but the number of exceptions is necessarily limited to a very few."

Mr. Underwood then concludes with the following statements, which are good, and contain much food for thought:

"If a man is loyal to one fraternity, it should and does follow that he can and will be loyal to two or more, so long as the ideals and purposes of the two classes of fraternities are not antagonistic. And we do not believe that the professional fraternity is opposed to the academic fraternity in the sense that the ideals and purposes are radically different.

"This band of knightly men, who have been tried by the academic fraternity and not found wanting, are yet not the men for the professional fraternity, because it is contrary to the professional fraternity's best interests to initiate them !

"We know of no academic fraternity that has refused to admit into its membership a man because he was a member of a professional fraternity; nor do we know of any academic fraternity that has refused to permit its members to join professional fraternities.

"It seems to us that an intermingling of fraternity membership, so far as academic and professional fraternities are concerned, should tend toward a greater degree of unity and brotherhood between the fraternities in general. And is not that to be desired?"—*Charles W. Underwood, in the Π K A Shield and Diamond.*

ΣΦΕ stands with ΑΧΠ upon her platform set forth in *The Garnet and White* for January, in an article entitled "Chivalry—Past and Present." We like its ring, and believe it sets forth the platform of the great majority of present-day fraternities, and is coming to be more and more recognized as the only safe foundation. We clip the following for our readers :

"At present, the different college fraternities may be grouped under three heads, according to their chief aims. 'The first class is composed of those fraternities which at present, whatever their original aims have been, exist only as bands of students organized for social or convivial purposes. The second class comprises those who have for their object the attainment of pre-eminence in some special branch of university activity, as athletics, debating, or literary effort. The third class is of those fraternities which aim at the development of the manly or moral characteristics of their members, being thus the means of raising constantly the mental, social, and moral standards both of their own brothers and of the colleges in which they are established.' It is not hard to see that the third class is the highest, and, since they 'require in their members the greatest share of those qualities which are enduring and win for men the respect and esteem of the communities in which they live, will share in the end, to the greatest degree, that respect and esteem.'

"A X P belongs to this third class. Its ideals are Christianity, morality, brotherly love, and intrinsic worth. These are the most precious, valuable, and enduring ideals of chivalry, and, by virtue of its maintenance of a high standard, it would appear that A X P deserves a prominent place in the chivalry of to-day."—*Garnet and White*.

"WHY MEN JOIN FRATERNITIES."—We take the following motives prompting them to such a step from *The Record*, of ΣΑΕ:

(1) My father or my brother were members of this fraternity, therefore I'll join it.

(2) I pledged myself to my friend, who gave me his word, "You will not care to join any other fraternity when you see ours."

(3) What catalogue of class offices and athletic honors can you show me and make accessible to me? How many members have you in the German Club? How do you fellows dress? How

many sons of prominent men can you count among you? This man decides on the "show-up-what-you-have-to-offer" plan.

(4) The standard of manhood displayed in your men determined me. Here's the man of real stuff; he's no human invertebrate.

A PECULIAR CHURCH NOTICE.—Not long ago, when Dr. James MacBride Sterrett, X '67, was in the pulpit, a lady in the congregation, thinking of her dinner at the time the plate was being passed, recalled to mind that she had left home with the roast in the gas oven and the gas burning. She wrote a note, and, as her husband came by, passing the plate, she handed the note to him. The husband, thinking, of course, that this note was for the minister, took it up to him, and our Brother Sterrett read these words: "Hurry home at once and turn off the gas."—*Shield, Θ Δ X.*

There's a lesson in the above for every Σ Φ E who is going to the next Conclave. Be so sure of what you have to say when you rise to speak that no brother can possibly feel like asking you "to turn off the gas." Go prepared to "hit the nail on the head."

FROM a fine article in the Δ Y *Quarterly* for December, entitled "Artist or Artisan—Which?" by Dr. Victor C. Alderson, President of the Colorado School of Mines, we get in gist the following:

The artist reads, thinks, observes, writes; leaves no mental spring untried in his search to become perfect. The artisan cares not for such a process. 'Tis not hard to decide between two such workers, and *every profession* can count them.

THE *Caduceus*, of K Σ, for December, shows a wonderful record for that fraternity in foot-ball. We congratulate them.

The following will appear in *The Chinook*, the 1910 Annual

of the Washington State College. It is by Brother F. N. Bryant, of Ohio Alpha :

Washington State College.

Pride of mighty Inland Empire, towering o'er the Palouse hills,
Stands our youthful *Alma Mater*, which our souls with memories
thrills.

Yale and Harvard, Denver, Stanford, have their sons in every
land ;
Tho' outnumbered, we can match them by the metal of our brand.

In thy temple, great Minerva, centered all the ancient lore ;
In thy Northwest halls, fair goddess, East and West together
pore

Over every form of Science that in life has use and worth ;
Striving, plodding, pruning ever, nought but what is best
comes forth.

Dreams of toil and joy commingled lend to musings peace
supreme ;

Test by learned Doctor given sounded idle man's requiem ;
Co-eds, dances, Tangle's bower ; Cupid's shafts range as of yore,
Thus we love our *Alma Mater*, W. S. C. forever more.

Who's Who and Why in Swarthmore.

The following article about Brother Rittman, Ohio Alpha, '05, appeared in the November issue of *The Phoenix*, a monthly published by the students at Swarthmore:



The Man Who Owns Swarthmore.

FACTS SERIOUS AND FRIVOLOUS ABOUT THE GREAT AND NEAR GREAT.

Had Diogenes the Crusty ever flashed his old bull's eye on Walter Frank Rittman, '08, his hunt would have ended then and there. His young searchlight would have disclosed honesty itself, incarnate in flesh, blood, and trousers. Walt is as honest as he looks, which is unfortunate in a way. Otherwise we might

have had the North Pole discovered by a Swarthmore man. For with the aid of the preternatural sincerity—intensified by those thick bi-focals—that shines in his big Dutch blue eyes, Walt could bluff the world and it wouldn't ask to be shown.

Walt is very proud of a certain gold foot-ball which

dangles from his fob. On it is inscribed Penn, 0; Swarthmore, 4. Walt played end for all it was worth. His playing was always as clean as his linen, but once. That was when Penn. was practicing out here. Walt has a constitutional aversion to strong language. The opposing end hadn't. Walt told him to "shut up and play the game." His man called him a "molly-coddle"—and then more. Walt's Dutch dander was up. He got that fellow next rush, got him by the ankle and twisted it good and plenty. "Molly-coddle, am I, Hein. I'll molly-coddle you." This was the only time Walt ever left the path of foot-ball orthodoxy.

Ritt takes part in everything. Frankly, Ritt will never be a De Rezke. But his big rollicking bass, and the enthusiasm behind it were indispensable in the Glee Club. He makes a fine supe at the Opera, and is already quite chummy with Oscar H. Depend on Ritt to meet Oscar the first night somehow.

Ritt will never be a Jeffries or a Gotch. But he can hold his own with any one his

weight here with the gloves or on the mat.

Ritt will never be a Burke. Yet, when he gets up on the Collection Hall platform, vibrant with earnest vigor, from his clenched, waving fist and tense jaw to his very clothes themselves, he makes a mighty effective *ex tempore* speaker.

He was the life of the Student Exec., the Eunomian, and Joseph Leidy Societies. When the paddles were run off, of course, Ritt must oversee it. Some Sophs. once tried to force an innocent Freshman to sing a sacrilegious and shady song. Walt rushed in, eyes on fire, though he spoke very quietly, "No, fellows, not that!" It was dropped, not because Ritt was a teacher in the Plush Mill's Bible Class, but because he was Ritt. Few others would have been heeded.

It is characteristic of this great and active man that he cares nothing for billiards or cards or any of the conventional indoor sports of the college man. He says when he gets old and retires there will be time enough for that. This self-imposed limitation

to his versatility is the only one we know.

It is a good piece, well polished and you don't smell the chips, as in most self-made men. He is not even conceited about his job. We have quite tangible proof of this. We couldn't find a picture of him in college. We told him we wanted one for our own bureau ; we didn't say for the Who's Who Bureau of the *Phoenix*. He obligingly posed.

Ritt and his buxom pal, Fred Blatz, invested some six hundred dollars in extra up-to-date apparatus, beakers that bounce instead of breaking when you drop 'em,

pestles run by electric motors, etc., etc. They had a secluded private laboratory, where they conjured for the most ingenious smells. Ritt slept there all last year as a P. G. Now he is showing us how to get celluloid out of soap-grease, an omelet rich in proteids out of H^2S , etc. But never josh Ritt about his work. Even its smells are beautiful in his sight—nose, we mean. Rittman is incidentally Assistant Chief Chemist to the U. G. I. Every week he discovers some new use for coal-tar by-products. We suspect he will own the U. G. I. inside of six or seven years. Anyhow, he certainly owns Swarthmore.



On the Campus.

BLIND from birth, but able to take the difficult course of medicine and surgery without study, through telepathy, is the remarkable assertion made by J. W. Bolotin, a student in the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery. Bolotin, a young Russian, asserts that, through a sixth sense, which he cannot explain, he can read the minds of his friends and class-mates, and, in that manner, acquire from them the knowledge they obtained through hard study.

H. Wolk, a room-mate of the mysterious blind student, declared to a *World* correspondent that, after completing his studies for an evening, Bolotin, even though no conversation had passed between them, would be more familiar with the subject which he had been reading than himself.

"Jake," as Bolotin is called by his friends, does not believe his power is anything supernatural, or anything beyond what any man could do if he would think instead of being superficial. The unusual mental powers of the young blind student have made him the marvel of the medical school. He has only recently matriculated, and the students and faculty are astounded at his gift.

In the dissecting room the correspondent was directed by a student to the "man who doesn't have to study," who was, at that moment, the centre of an admiring group talking with him over his ability to read their minds. He instantly recognized the correspondent as a stranger, and stopped him, in the middle of his request for an interview, to tell him he knew he wanted to make an appointment after the class had adjourned. A few minutes later he came down the stairs to the entrance with his partner, Dr. Wolk, and, without hesitation, said, "There's the man over there waiting for us."

Seated on a bench in the corner of the locker room of the school he told the reporter of his struggle to procure knowledge, to learn not only the regular sciences of medicine, but his specialty of osteopathy.

"I don't want charity or sympathy," he said. "I am better off and happier than many people who are not blind. I have always earned my own living, and expect to be able to keep on doing so."—*Chicago Dispatch to the New York World*.

THE newspapers of the country are giving much space to an account of a gift to Princeton of \$500,000 for a graduate college by William Cooper Procter, of Cincinnati. The reason for this publicity is the withdrawal of the gift by Mr. Procter, in a letter to the trustees, which says in part:

"The reception of my offer by the president and his associates has not been such as to promise the usefulness which I had hoped to secure by my proposed gift, and I therefore beg leave to withdraw it."

The loss of this \$500,000 also involves the loss of a similar amount which had almost all been subscribed. From the published accounts the withdrawal has been caused by the difference of opinion among the Princeton trustees in regard to the location and scope of the college. The matter seems to be fully stated in an editorial in the *Daily Princetonian* of February 10th and an article in the same publication of February 11th.

THE average yearly expenditure of a pupil in the public schools of this country is given as \$28.25 in the recently-published report of the Commissioner of Education. In 1870 it was only \$15.55.

Nevada has the highest yearly expenditure, \$72.15 a pupil, followed by New York with \$51.50, Montana with \$49.40, and California with \$49.29. In the South the expenditures a pupil range from \$6.37 for South Carolina to \$20.36 for West Virginia. The new State of Oklahoma spends \$15.79, New Mexico \$19.46, while Arizona, with \$40.41, spends \$5.16 a pupil a year more than Oklahoma and New Mexico combined.

One-third of the States spend from \$25 to \$40 a pupil. The fact that one-fourth spend less than \$15 and one-fourth

spend more than \$35 "is an indication," says the Commissioner, "of the great variety in support of public education, and, I believe, in the opportunity afforded for school training in our various Commonwealths."

THE Union Pacific Railway has opened a "railway college" for its employees, in charge of trained instructors. Employees in every department will be given the teaching free. The object is to assist the men in assuming greater responsibilities, increasing their efficiency, and the preparing of prospective employees for service. It is said that modern methods are changing the mode of railway operation so rapidly that the men must constantly be educated to the new ways. It is hoped that bright men will have exceptional opportunities in the college to qualify for positions higher up.

EMPEROR WILLIAM has paid a high compliment to President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of the University of California, whom he had at a family gathering the latter part of January.

The party included the Empress, the Crown Prince, and one or two of the other princes, and President Wheeler spent several hours in their company.

It was a typical German domestic scene, the Empress doing needle-work while taking part in the talk, and the Emperor passing around sandwiches and other light supper dishes.

AT Los Angeles trustees of the Occidental College are planning to erect the finest athletic field in the West on the new campus in Eagle Rock valley. The field will be modeled after the famous Franklin Field, of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia. A 220-yard straightway will be a feature of the stadium. In addition to the foot-ball field and base-ball diamond, a number of tennis courts and an inclosed basket-ball court will be built.

MANY extensive improvements are being made at the Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio. A new \$15,000 heating and lighting plant has just been installed. One of the frame buildings has been moved to make way for a new \$100,000 "Lehr Memorial" building, for which the ground will soon be broken. The enlarged athletic field will be leveled and graded for the coming season, and the end is not yet.

THE report submitted to the Executive Committee by Graduate Manager Merritt, of the University of California, stated that the Vancouver trip of the California rugby teams was a success in every way. The team was well received by the Northerners, and the expenses were entirely covered by the \$1,000 guarantee of the Vancouver Rugby Union.

THE University of Colorado Law School is occupying a fine new \$60,000 building, presented to the University by Senator Simon Guggenheim. There is also building a \$300,000 auditorium, a new heating and lighting plant, and two large wings to the Science building. A sane and steady growth is evident.

IT is interesting to note that the United States Military Academy, at West Point, is now a full-fledged college. Action has been taken whereby it is an approved college, and as such is entitled to have its work recognized for professional licenses and for university certificates.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY has the honor of being the first college in the country to install the "Conference School System." This is a means of coaching delinquent students, which is open to all, especially the two lower classes. A nominal fee is charged for the instruction.

AT a recent meeting of the trustees of Syracuse University a committee was appointed to investigate conditions, confer with

the fraternities, and report in June on the advisability of prohibiting fraternities from initiating members during the Freshman year.

SEVERAL engineering societies have been formed at the Georgia "Tech." this session. The object of these societies is to promote the welfare of the different branches of engineering at the colleges and throughout the South.

BOAR'S HEAD, the dramatic society at Syracuse University, has selected Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband" for its Senior week production this year.

SYRACUSE rowing candidates will have pictures of the winning 'Varsity eight thrown upon a screen as a means of instilling spirit into them.

HOWARD JONES, Yale coach in 1908-'09, will be head coach at Ohio State University during the coming season.

NOTRE DAME will hold a ten-pin tourney for five-man class teams, the winner receiving a banner.

A NEW local $\Phi\ \Lambda\ X$ has made its appearance at Baker University.

PHILLIPS-ANDOVER plans a \$50,000 swimming pool.

Alumni Personals.

VIRGINIA ALPHA.

Joseph Milton Shue was married on December 29th to Miss Bessie Robena Ball, at Leesburg, Va.

Rev. B. D. Gaw and Rev. R. S. Owens have charges in Washington, D. C.

WEST VIRGINIA BETA.

Earle Conway is still located at Uniontown, where he is on the reportorial staff of one of the daily papers.

C. M. Bennett, who is an engineer with the Philadelphia Oil and Gas Company, was in town some days ago.

"Tubby" McIntyre is still located at New Martinsville, and at the last report was getting along nicely.

Dr. Fowler is established in practice in the western part of this county.

Gay Dent is still mixing drugs at one of the local pharmacies.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

Ralph Falk, '07, is located at Boise, Idaho.

The following brothers of Pennsylvania Beta have opened offices in Philadelphia :

Hugh L. Dick, '09, 5404 Chester avenue.

John A. Broadfield, '06, 3129 Frankford avenue.

John J. Wiley, '05, 1413 Tioga street.

Edward K. Mitchell, '06, 2235 north Nineteenth street.

Robert T. Connelly, '05, 938 Huntingdon street.

John F. Gorman, '06, 328 east Lehigh avenue.

Lloyd R. Mace, '05, 910 north Forty-First street.

George A. Sonneborn, '05, 1200 Erie avenue.

Edward A. Eichman, '05, 440 Lyceum avenue, Roxboro.

William B. Shick, '06, 1218 Rackland street, Roxboro.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

Dr. George Lawrence is reported as "going some." On January 19th his wife presented him with his second daughter. He was recently elected to the position of surgeon of the New York State National Guard, and also examining physician of the Knights of Columbus.

Ike Brown, '07, had to give up a very promising practice in West Philadelphia and leave the city on account of poor health.

Dr. James Kerr, '06, stopped on his way home January 31st. Brother Kerr is at the Municipal Hospital.

C. H. Hill is with one of the large rubber firms of Philadelphia.

Walter Sibley recently paid us another visit.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

W. McKinney, of Pennsylvania Beta, visited the chapter house January 25th. Brother McKinney is now engaged in a theatrical venture.

Dr. John Turner visited the boys January 15th. He was headed for Waukegan, Ill., his old home.

Dr. A. Gregg is receiving plans for a new hospital, to be located in the west end of Chicago.

Dr. Mylo Lee, of Augustanna Hospital, recently called to renew acquaintance.

Dr. A. A. Foote, Clay Centre, Kan., wrote a pleasant letter to the boys.

Dr. G. E. Eck is now practicing at Lake Mills, Wis.

COLORADO ALPHA.

G. W. Smith, M. S., Colorado, '09, is instructor in mathematics in the University of Colorado.

P. M. Dean, '08, is employed in the Western Chemical Works, Denver.

W. W. Robbins, '06, is instructor in biology in the University of Colorado.

W. H. Lowther, '09, is engaged in mining at Kenilworth, Utah.

S. J. Knight, '09, is in business in Denver, Col.

OHIO ALPHA.

H. S. Miller, '09, Engineering, is with the Titusville Electric Railway Company, at Titusville, Pa.

F. N. Bryant is at Susquehanna, Pa., where he is recovering from a recent attack of fever.

D. B. Graze, '11, is employed with the Russell Engine Works, located at Massillon, Ohio.

INDIANA ALPHA.

Lesh Hascall, ex.-'09, expects to return to Purdue next fall and complete his studies.

J. E. Ulrich, '06, is the proud father of a boy born January 19th.

NEW YORK ALPHA.

Eugene C. Myers, '08, is with the General Electrical Company at Schenectady, N. Y.

E. Bert Smith, ex.-'09, is head master of the Pacific Grove Academy, Pacific Grove, Cal.

J. Earle Thomson, '09, is teaching mathematics in the High School at Olean, N. Y.

Clyde P. Wells, '08, is principal of the High School at LaFargeville, N. Y.

C. L. Du Bois, '07, is principal of the High School at Liverpool, N. Y.

William Foster Taylor, '07, has a charge at Galway, N. Y.

DELAWARE ALPIA.

William M. Francis, '08, is expecting to take a trip to Panama in the near future.

Allen M. George is with the Auto-Car Company, of Ardmore, Pa.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

William J. Priestley, '08, formerly with the Dravo Construction Company, has accepted a position with the Carpenter Steel Company, Reading, Pa. His address is No. 309 north Fifth Street, Reading, Pa.

Warren Cupitt, '06, has recently located in Germantown, Pa., and is working with the United Gas Improvement Company, Philadelphia, Pa.

Franklin Fisher, ex.-'11, is taking the course leading to an A. B. degree at the University of Chicago, preparatory to studying law.

Edward Ehmann, ex.-'10, is working for the U. G. I., of Philadelphia. We expect him to be with us again next year.

OHIO GAMMA.

Donald D. Baird, '08, was married at Canton, Ohio, January 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Baird are now at home in that city, at No. 1403 Lawrence avenue.

J. H. Snook, '08, has been made assistant professor of surgery and pharmacology at the Ohio State University.

ALABAMA ALPHA.

John Kennedy, '09, is chief chemist for the Tennessee Fertilizer Company, in charge of their plant at Albany, Ga.

G. S. Bishop, '09, is chief engineer for a steel company at Sayre, Ala.

T. C. Almon, ex.-'12, is with the L. & N. Railroad at New Decatur, Ala.

NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA.

H. W. Tuttle has a position with the Carolina Lumber Company at Goldsboro, N. C.

P. S. Ashby is at work in his home town, Roberdell, N. C.



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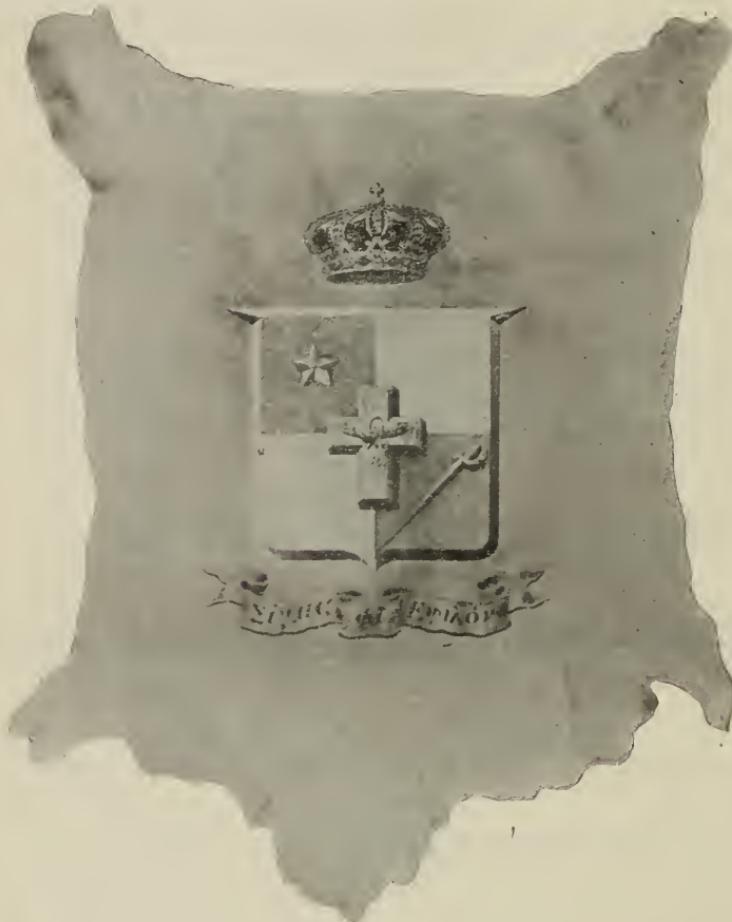
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